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Pianist/arranger Rich Ridenour was in Grayling last week to perform at a dessert concert held at the Grayling High School Auditorium as part of the Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series. Ridenour also performed at assemblies for Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary school students. On Friday, Ridenour performed for the residents at Mercy Manor on a piano that hadn't been played for over a year. Above, Laura Labo, a social worker technician at Mercy Manor, dances with resident Tina Carrigan. Right, Leo Post and Alfred Pietz gathered around the piano as Ridenour took Mercy Manor residents on a trip down memory lane with several ragtime and classic jazz tunes.



Finalists for council seat to be interviewed

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council is set to interview a pair of candidates who want to join the team of city officials who make decisions for the community.

The city council will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 when Kim Millikin and John Williamson will be interviewed for an open seat on the city council.

Millikin, 35, is the owner of Cedar Motel and Millikin Real Estate and Investments, a business formed to handle rental and investment properties in Grayling. Millikin and her husband, Chris, have seven children.

Millikin said that she has served on a committee formed to help with historic preservation efforts in Independence, Kansas, where she lived before moving to Grayling.

"I have been on several committees and boards, but have had nothing to do in government other than planning and zoning," Millikin said.

Millikin said she is motivated and wants to see Grayling move forward.

"It's time for a fresher generation to come forward and see

what we can do to maintain what we have and help with steering Grayling and its future so the community can reach it's full potential for the future of our kids," she said.

Williamson is the human resources manager for AJD Forest Products.

Williamson, 42, retired last year after serving 22 years in the U.S. Army. He served on boards charged with addressing base housing and community issues while in the military.

Williamson and his wife, Dawn, have twin daughters. Williamson grew up in the Gladwin-Harrison area and has family in the Lewiston-Lovells area. He said he and his family moved to Grayling due to the small town atmosphere.

Williamson is a member of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department and believes his background would make him an effective city council member.

"I want to try to bring some of my experiences here and see if I can apply them to make Grayling a better community for everybody," he said.

Millikin and Williamson are

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County doles out environmental grants

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County officials are doing their part to help preserve the health the AuSable River.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners recently awarded a \$2,224 environmental grant for the City of Grayling's storm water project.

Grayling received a \$758,000 Clean Michigan Initiative grant to retrofit the city's storm water sewer system, which will help filter pollutants and debris from going into the AuSable River during heavy rain falls and large snow melts. The city pledged \$127,000 toward the project, and over \$50,000 was raised from Trout Unlimited, the annual Trout Bum Bar-B-Q and donations from other conservation groups.

The funding is paying to create rain gardens, landscaped areas where storm water will naturally be able to filter back into the aquifer, and storm retention ponds. Vortech units, which will filter debris and oil from going into the river, are also being installed in the city.

The city has completed the first phase of the storm water project on the south side of the

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Staff Writer

A theme has been selected for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Parade, volunteers have come forward and equipment is being secured to help save the event.

About 25 people attended a informational meeting held at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Jan. 31, when volunteers were being recruited to help plan this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon Parade.

A follow up meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 at the Crawford County Building.

"Music, Music, Music," has been selected as the theme for this year's parade, said Carole Herdrich, a Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) member spearheading the effort to save the parade.

Diane Chamberlan, co-owner of Dharma Records, has volunteered to help secure PA systems

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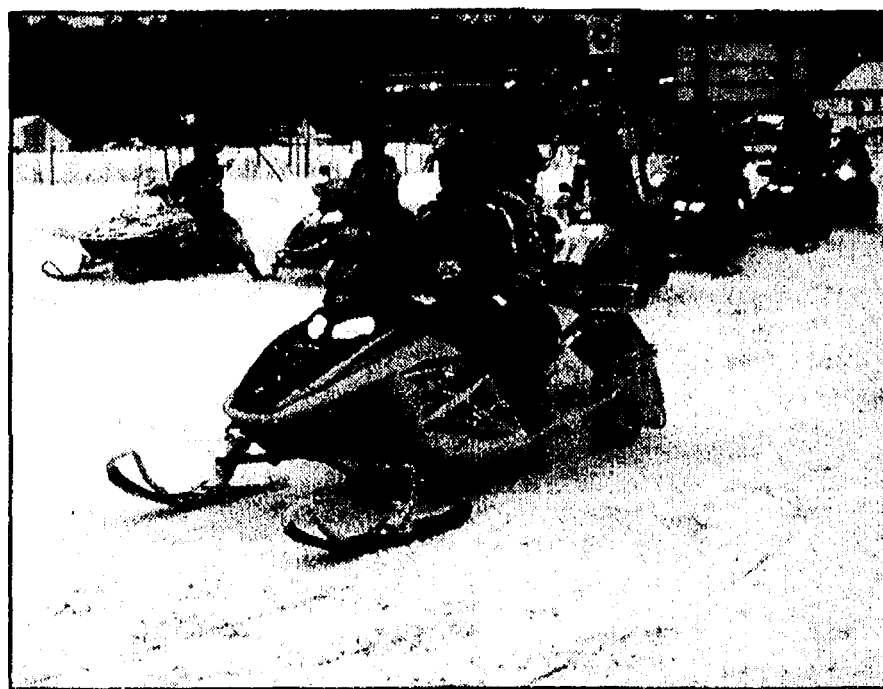


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The Wertz Warriors held a fund-raiser at the Swamp Bar in Frederic last Thursday as they prepared to travel to the Special Olympics Michigan State Winter Games held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Schuss Village in Bellaire and Howe Ice Arena in Traverse City. Right, Mark "The Bird" Fidrych, a former Detroit Tiger pitcher and baseball's American League rookie of the year in 1976, rides with the Wertz Warriors each year.

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Wertz Warriors roll through Grayling

The Wertz Warriors rolled through the Grayling area last week as they marked their 25th anniversary and nearly \$6.5 million raised to sponsor the Special Olympics Michigan State Winter Games.

Former Detroit Tiger Vic Wertz was inspired to form Wertz Warriors, which consists of over 50 riders and a 30-member support crew, to raise money for the athletes of the State Winter Games in 1981.

The achievements of the Wertz Warriors has been documented as part of "Warriors and Special Olympics: The Wertz Warriors Story," a book recently published about the Wertz Warriors and their journeys over the past 25 years.

Wertz, a baseball Hall of Fame, had a dream to completely underwrite the Special Olympics Michigan State Winter Games.

So he set out and succeeded to enlist many of his friends to help him with his dream. Together they considered a variety of ways

to generate the money needed to fund winter sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Michigan. After considering many alternatives, they contacted Special Olympics Michigan and completed their first snowmobile endurance ride in February 1982, raising \$26,000, and they are still riding strong 25 years later. The Wertz Warriors hoped to raise \$500,000 this year at the State Winter Games, which ended on Sunday. The Wertz Warriors stayed at the Holiday Inn-Grayling last week, and made stops at Skyline Ski & County Club and the Swamp Bar for events and fund-raisers.

The ride, lasting an entire week, begins in Mount Clemens and zigzags across the Lower Peninsula for 900 miles. They stop at over 25 locations, raising donations along the way for their cause, with the ride ending in Gaylord. Since the first ride in 1982 the warriors have traveled a combined 122,000 miles on their snowmobiles.

"Each rider must donate \$3,500 for the privilege of participating on the ride," says Vic Battani, chairman of the Wertz Warriors Board of Directors. "They must also use their own snowmobile and pay for any equipment they require in order to ride."

The Wertz Warriors come from all walks of life, and whether as a rider or as a member of the support crew, all work toward raising money for Special Olympics Michigan.

This year, Special Olympics Michigan hosted over 1,000 athletes at their State Winter Games held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Schuss Village in Bellaire and Howe Ice Arena in Traverse City.

"Each Wertz Warrior takes a week out of their lives to participate in the endurance ride," Battani says. "They are all dedicated to this cause and raise money all year long. They are a tremendously dedicated and caring group of people."

County doles out environmental grants

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The city will address storm water drains in the downtown area this year, and will address the north side of the community in 2007.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said the environmental funds from the county will be used to help the city maintain the storm water equipment, completing such tasks as clearing the debris and oil out of the vortech-nics units.

"Probably going through this for the first time, there will be some additional costs and the grant will help us cover that," Lowe said.

The county board also awarded a \$2,668 environmental grant to the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association for the Eurasian milfoil eradication project.

Eurasian milfoil is a fast-growing invasive water plant that can grow into heavy thick mats and eventually ruin boating, fishing and swimming.

Lake residents first noticed the milfoil in the south bay of the

lake after a boat launch at Camp Grayling was closed because of 9/11 security measures.

The milfoil gets into the lake when boaters bring their boats from other lakes and fail to wash them off.

Two years ago, 15 acres of the lake were treated for the nasty weed, and 12 acres were treated last year.

Gary McConnell, a lake association member who heads up the milfoil eradication efforts, said up to 19 acres of the lake will be treated this year, depending on surveys that will be completed once the ice melts.

Grayling Township and Camp Grayling also contribute funds toward the milfoil eradication efforts.

"Between donations received from the lake association members, the county, the township and Camp Grayling, hopefully we will be able to keep up with it," McConnell said.

The county board awarded a \$4,447 grant to Grayling Township for the annual scrap tire collection, which the city and

four other townships in the county help fund.

The county also gave South Branch Township \$661 to help residents pay for the disposal of appliances and other large items.

This is the third year the county had awarded a total of \$10,000 in grants from the county environmental fund.

The Crawford County board settled the lawsuit in 1996 with City Environmental Services, the previous owner of the landfill. The county challenged the company when it tried to bring trash to Crawford County from other counties in the state not included in the county's solid waste plan. The settlement pays for county environmental monitor's Bruce Patrick's position as well as county recycling.

Brad Jansen, executive director for Huron Pines Conservation and Resource District, applauded the county for the environmental grant program.

"To take those extra funds and put into conservation projects - it's a good deal for everyone," Jansen said.

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and recruit local bands to be in the parade.

Bonnie Cherven, a loan originator for Citizens Bank, is sending letters to area business and organizations seeking financial support for the parade.

"Save the Parade!" buttons are also being sold for \$2 at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce building and at several Grayling businesses to raise funds for the parade.

"Things are happening, but we still need money and volunteers," Herdrich said. "It would be tragic to have the festival without the parade."

Ester Smith, the coordinator for Crawford County's 4-H "Life's Better With a Mentor" program, is recruiting youth to help with promotional efforts for the parade.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe volunteered

to help organize the parade line up.

Herdrich said volunteers have also discussed resurrecting the tradition of having a Grayling-themed float, which could be featured in parades held in neighboring communities.

"Other towns are not going to have a float in our parade if we don't take part in their parade," Herdrich said.

GPA members have organized the AuSable Canoe Marathon for years, and is asking for Grayling residents and civic organizations to help organize the parade.

GPA in recent years obtained status as a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Members of the organization have learned that they can sponsor a band, award or float in the parade, but providing full financial support for the event put the non-profit status in jeopardy.

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seeking the council seat vacated by Joe Ferrigan, who had been the mayor of the city for two years before he resigned from the post in November. Ferrigan, the building trades instructor at Grayling High School and head coach of the wrestling team, cited the time he needed to devote to the wrestling squad and his family as his reasons for resigning

from the city council.

Larry Akers replaced Ferrigan as the city's mayor.

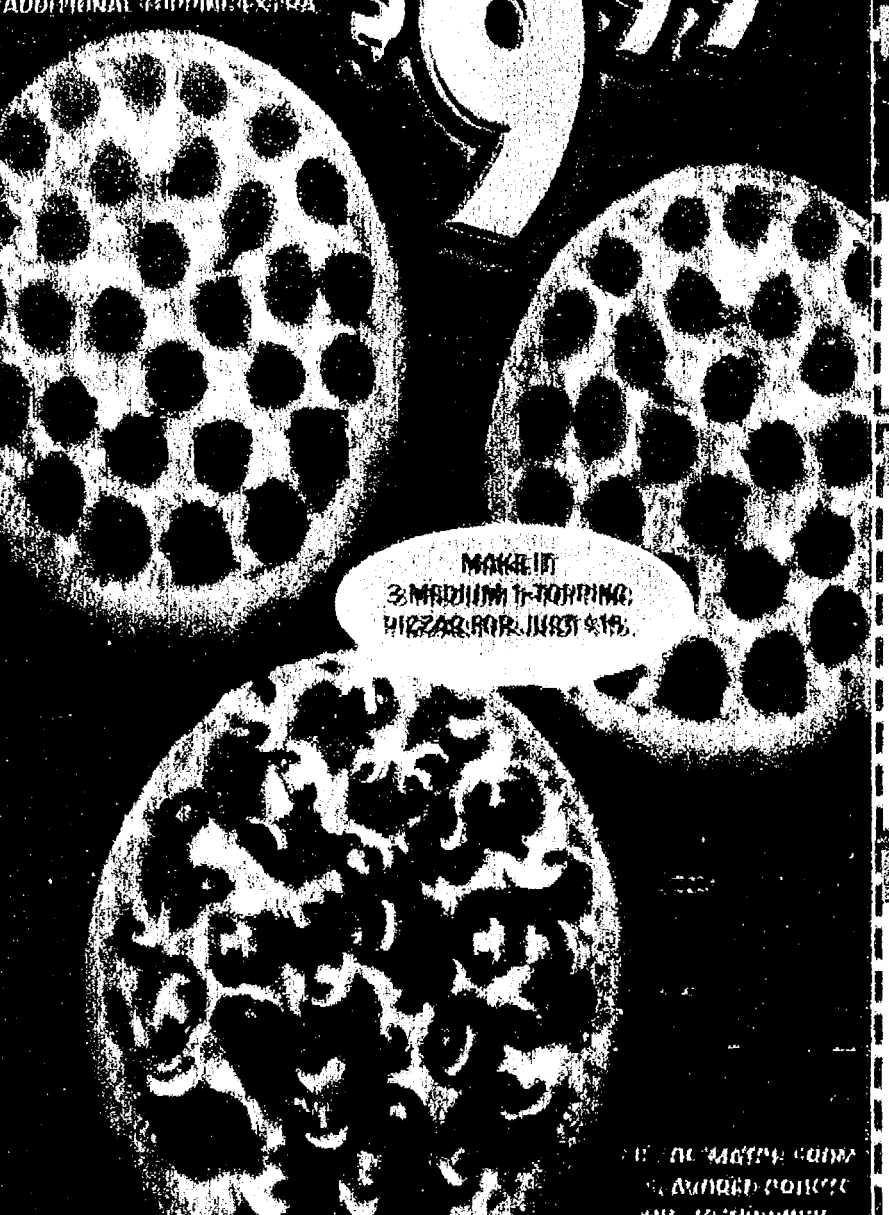
Dennis Palmer, whose appointed term on the council expired last year, applied for the council seat. Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner and Michele Butzin also applied for the council opening.

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Members from area law enforcement agencies who conduct training through the Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Group based at Camp Grayling conducted ice diving rescue and recovery operations at Lake Margrethe last week.

Grayling Visitors Bureau targets special interests, events

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Visitors Bureau has produced a number of brochures aimed at targeting the special interests of people who come to the community.

Over the past year, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, the executive director of the Grayling Visitors Bureau, has produced the brochures which highlight activities, attractions, events, places to go and things to

do while visiting the Grayling area.

The first of three brochures developed highlight the hunting, lake fishing and trout and fly fishing opportunities available in Crawford County throughout the year. Brochures were also produced which detail the hiking and biking trails and cross country skiing options in the Grayling area. Information on area lodging and attractions and restaurants in

Crawford County were also updated.

A brochure called AuSable Motorcycle Adventures was inspired by the Grayling Visitors Bureau's involvement with the AuSable Adventure Rally and AuSable Adventure Golf Outing, events held last year to raise money for the Michigan National Guard's Family Support Fund.

Brochures are also being developed for special events such as the Loomis Battery of Michigan Light Artillery's annual demonstration held in July at Camp Grayling, where Civil War era artillery competitions are conducted.

Geiss-Wilson said the brochures were developed because there has been a change to marketing strategy in recent years due to people being able to access information on the Internet as well as the downturn in the economy. She added that people also are more interested in finding vacation packages before they schedule a trip.

"People want to know what we have to offer before they get here and they want their vacations to be stress free," Geiss-Wilson said.

Geiss-Wilson developed the brochures along with input from the Visitors Bureau board. She said that business owners knowledgeable in specific interests such as outdoor activities, hiking

and biking also assisted with the project.

"Compiling the information was a learning experience for me and you don't realize all we have to offer until you can sit down and look at it all in one place," she said.

Grayling Visitors Bureau has made the brochures available free of charge at the Area Visitors Center located in the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Building.

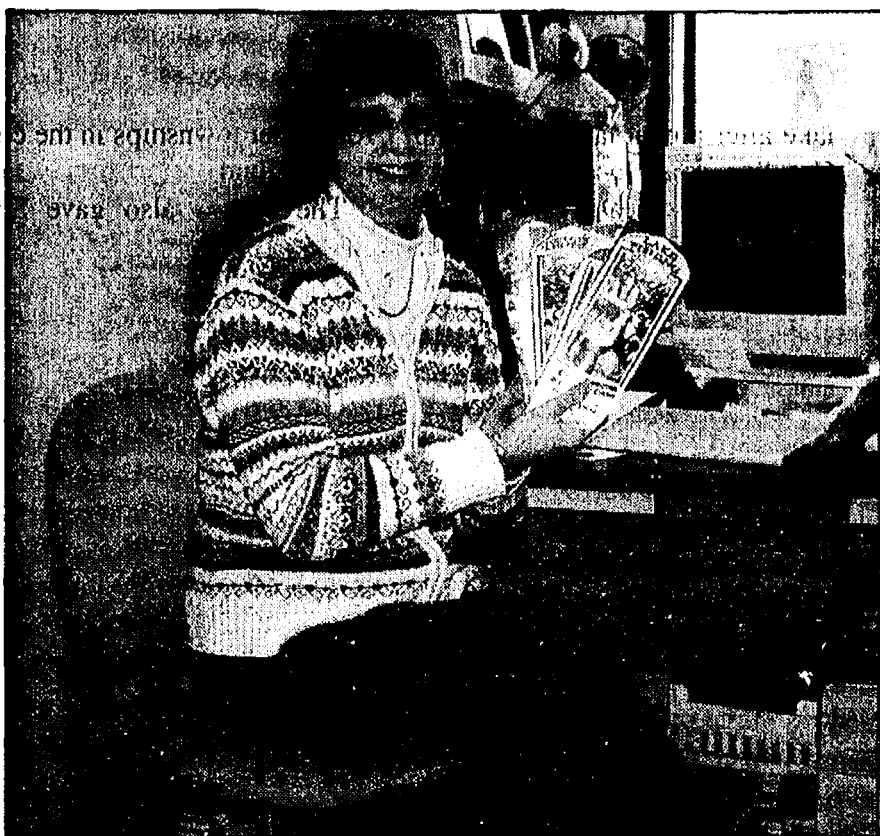


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Chamber announces nominees for the 2005 Community Awards night

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce has received the nominations for the Silver Lining Award, ATHENA Award, and Citizen of the Year Award. The winners will be announced at the 2005 Community Awards night on Thursday Feb. 9, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

The 2005 ATHENA Award will be presented to one of the following nominees: Therese Kaiser - General Manager & Vice President, Huntington National Bank; Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak - CEO Mercy Hospital Grayling; or Ann Stephenson - owner, Riverland Gear

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ATHENA Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois on April 27-28.

The ATHENA Award Program is nationally underwritten by General Motors and National City Bank. Locally the ATHENA Award is sponsored by Scheer Motors of Grayling.

Citizen of the Year Award will be presented to one of the following nominees: John Jones, Keith Kenney, Rose Mary Nelson and Brad Scheer.

The Citizen of the year award is presented to an individual or individuals who share their time, energy and talent unselfishly with the community.

The Silver Lining Award will

be presented to one of the following nominees: The Moose Pub, The Ole Barn, or Western Trails Motel

The Silver Lining Award is given to the business that has made a significant change to the exterior of their business

The Grayling community is made up of extraordinary individuals who work to make Grayling a better place to live; these awards give the Chamber an opportunity to recognize the contributions of these individuals.

For more information on the Community Awards Night call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.



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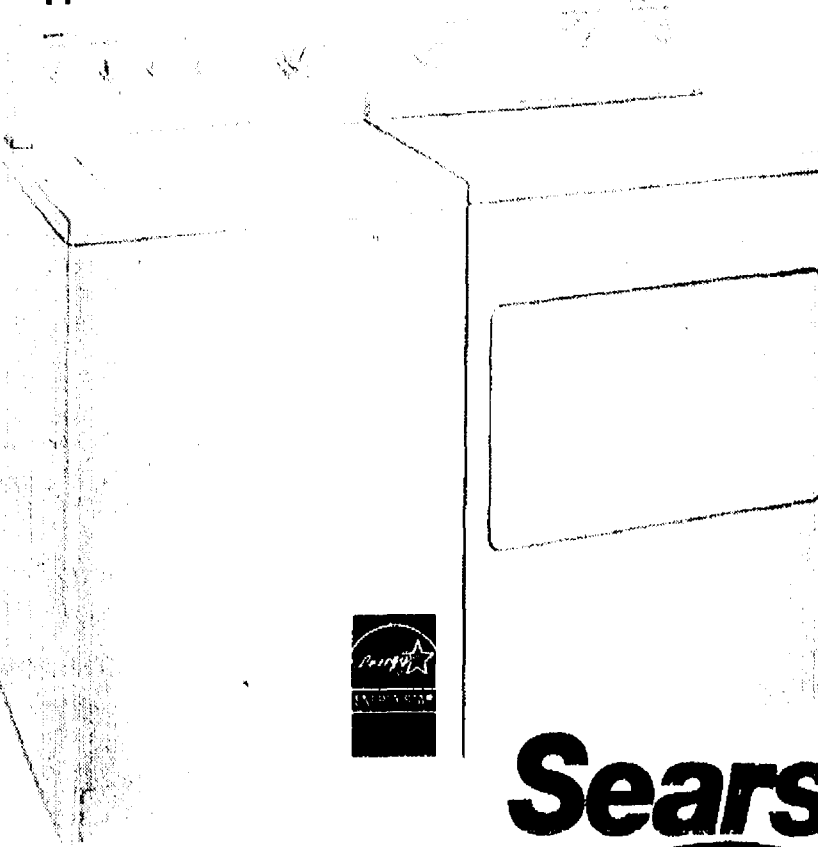
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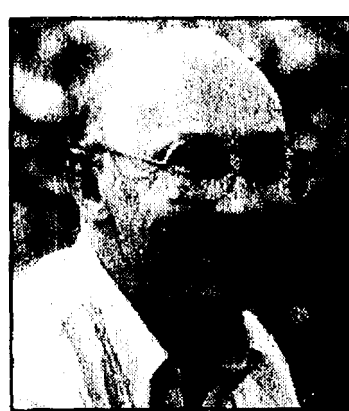
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ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

President's State of Union message perplexes

IT'S A DUTY the president of the United States must fulfill, regardless of whether he/she has a clear and welcome message.

The annual State of the Union message delivered to Congress at the start of each year, provides the president's assessment of the nation's current condition and discusses his/her plans for the coming year.

Considered in those lights, President George Bush's 2006 State of the Union message was perplexing to many listeners.

In earlier days, before electronic media became pervasive, the president delivered a written message to congress. That's all changed. Now the president addresses not only Congress but the entire nation. It's a national event now.

In the 2006 version, Mr. Bush assured Congress and the public that the state of the union is strong and getting stronger.

That's open to question, according to most public opinion polling in the past many months which has shown that an increasing number of folks are not satisfied with the way things are going and the direction in which the country is headed.

If public opinion is how the state of the nation should be measured, it's not strong at all.

Mr. Bush stoutly defended and promoted his conduct of the war in Iraq as vital to the overriding war on terrorism. That's also perplexing to an increasing number of people who seem to be disturbed by our international role, too — a role which in itself can be quite perplexing at times.

WHEN IT COMES to the domestic side, President Bush repeated his overall message of optimism, but acknowledged a few problems.

He claimed the nation was

"addicted to oil," and urged developing alternate methods of power, suggesting not only corn but also wood chips, stalks and switch grass as possible sources of energy to sharply reduce our reliance on foreign oil, much of which comes from the trouble spots in the Middle East.

He proposed a bipartisan commission to develop reforms for social security and its funding. He wants permanent tax cuts to spike the economy. He continued his emphasis on math and science education for young people.

Missing were ideas to handle a variety of problems, whose importance depends on the involvement of individual critics: Government corruption, loss of manufacturing jobs, workers displaced by plant closing, jobs lost by payroll slashing, the devastating effects of hurricanes and floods, mine safety, and other problems.

Of course, a single speech cannot present solutions for all the problems the nation and its people face. There are just too many of them, often restricted by geography or class.

But is the state of the nation really strong? That's Mr. Bush's view. He's been working at the job as president for five years now, so he better be optimistic.

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MUCH OF THE merit of a State of the Union message comes from perception, and on that front, President Bush did fine.

It was one of his better speeches to the nation. He seemed at ease and in command. He appeared firm and strong, which are attributes of a good leader, and he continues to emphasize them.

On the polarizing subject of wiretapping and eaves dropping, for example, he seemed to stick

out his chin, declare this is what he's doing, this is why he's doing it because it's good for the country, and he owes no apology to anyone for doing what he thinks is right.

Whether the Congress and the courts agree with the legality is yet to be determined, but many folks see George Bush as a strong leader, doing what needs to be done.

In proposing the new social security study commission, Mr. Bush extended a vow of bipartisanship in forming the commission and guiding its results.

That's a rational way to approach a problem, especially one which the unilateral Bush plan for social security reform last year died summarily.

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IN HIS FIRST campaign for president, George Bush promised he was "a uniter, not a divider." However, in his first term, there

was precious little reaching out to opponents. Instead, Mr. Bush seemed to thrive on a "my way or the highway" posture, an attitude of "you're either for me or against me," which has helped deepen political polarization.

The State of the Union message probably reinforced views already held about the president: Bush supporters liked it, Bush critics did not, and those in the middle likely are still in the middle.

Ron Fournier, Washington analyst for Associated Press, suggested "at the core of his (Mr. Bush's) political problems is his loss of credibility."

I think he's right.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Where is Grayling's future headed?

To the editor,

My letter is in response to Mr. Bondar's letter to the editor in last week's issue, which I believe, reflects the thoughts and feelings of many local people that I've spoken with, concerning where Grayling's future is headed.

I am also very frustrated and cannot seem to find any answers as well. Growing up in this community during the 50's and 60's, we were offered many choices to shop locally. I can remember three or four quality men's and ladies clothing stores which offered both casual and dress clothes. There were four soda fountain/sandwich shops providing light meals and lunches, as well as several grocery stores close to the downtown area. There were several hardware stores downtown as well as three dime stores. Chief Shoppenagons Hotel and Dining was well known statewide. Rarely was a business empty with a "for sale" or "real estate" sign in the window.

What is actually the plan for the downtown area? What is being done with the old Ben Franklin? Will Steven's soda fountain be open again in my lifetime? What about plans for the empty spaces on the southwest side of Michigan Avenue? Who

has the answer?

We certainly do not need any more pizza shops since we have more than a half dozen now. We were once known as the "Archery Capital of the World" years ago, perhaps someone who is in control has decided we're going to be the "pizza capital of Michigan." After all, Gaylord has golf.

Mr. Bondar's point regarding a gas station at Four Mile Road years ago was well taken. Once people realized they could get gas, snacks and lodging at Four Mile, and take M-72 west to Traverse City via Four Mile Road, Military Road, M-93 to M-72, a Grayling stop became unnecessary.

Cooperation and competition create "choices" and choices mean "good business for everyone." Give us something to purchase in Grayling, other than pizza, coffee, snacks and a few groceries and we'll buy it. Otherwise we have no choice, but to patronize businesses in Gaylord and Houghton Lake which offer a variety of choices.

Our downtown area is in serious jeopardy if communication and cooperation are not part of "the plan."

Dan Feldhauser
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

by Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Sheriff's Association seeking local grassroots effort to curb teenage drunk driving

In an effort to make its local streets and highways safer, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association is looking to the public to help reduce an alarming trend: young people getting into vehicles while under the influence of alcohol.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, over 17,000 people were killed in alcohol-related traffic accidents in the United States last year, a rate of one person every 30 minutes. Even more alarmingly, almost one third of the 15 to 20 year-old drivers killed in motor vehicle crashes in the U.S. had been drinking.

"Tragically, many individuals under the age of 21 fail to recognize the lethal combination of alcohol and driving," says Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association. "Excessive drinking leads to reckless and, in many cases, lawless behavior."

Because of their relative lack of driving experience, adolescents are at greater risk for traffic accidents. Also, younger drivers are more susceptible than older drivers to alcohol-induced impairment.

Studies from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control show that almost as many young men age 18-20 as legal-aged 21 to 34 years acknowledge driving while under the influence. Yet the problem is not confined to one particular age group or gender. Statistics show that approximately 70 percent of all

teenagers drink alcohol, including one out of ten children between the ages of 12 and 13. Furthermore, a recent study by researchers at Georgetown University's Center for Alcohol Marketing and Youth found that, in certain age categories, teenage girls are drinking more than teen boys because of an increasingly number of ads for products like wine coolers and alcoholic iced teas that are geared primarily toward young women.

Although tougher drunk driving penalties, seat belt laws and increased sobriety checkpoints have had a significant impact on reducing drunk driving fatalities, the battle cannot be won by law enforcement authorities alone. Family and friends often are in the best position to identify and prevent behaviors in adolescents that lead to underage drinking. According to Sheriff Wakefield, "While the 'Say No to Drugs' message has been heeded by a large number of parents and their children, what seems to be lost is the fact that underage drinking kills almost seven times more young people than all other illicit drugs combined. We're always trying to get through to teens, but much of the groundwork needs to start at home and continue on with peer groups. The risks for being complacent are simply too high."

Organizations like MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) are devoted to raising public awareness on the dangers of

underage alcohol use. The organization has several prevention programs and initiatives developed in the Michigan area in conjunction with local schools and community leaders to educate adolescents.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office also has information on these, and many other public safety topics.

Fortunately, there are signs that young adults themselves recognize the high cost in both dollars and human lives for accidents that, in most instances, could have been avoided. Various surveys among the nation's college students show that an overwhelming majority favors 21 as the minimum age to sell or serve alcohol and hopes to see drunk driving rules more strongly enforced.

"We hope that at some point, common sense will prevail and that these kids will learn from the mistakes of others before they learn from their own," adds Sheriff Wakefield. "It's understandable that young people like to have fun. But at some point this fun can figuratively and literally cross the line, leading to deadly consequences."

Safeguards against underage drunk driving:

Parents and older siblings must be aware that they are role models to younger family members, and should be cognizant of what kind of examples they set in regard to both their driving and drinking habits.

Restricting access to liquor and automobiles at home may be an effective preventative measure in the short term, but it is even more advisable to confront your son(s) and/or daughter(s) about the serious involved with underage drinking.

Whether driving or riding as a passenger in a vehicle, always wear a seat belt.

If you see vehicles that are speeding excessively or swerving, try to get a license plate number and call the local police, sheriff's office or state police.

Never get into a car with someone who has had too much to drink. If the person insists on getting behind the wheel, ask him or her to give up the car keys to a designated driver, or call a trusted adult for a ride.

If you are going to an event where alcohol will be served, take public transportation like buses, shuttles or taxis, if possible.

If you work in a store or dining establishment, always check I.D.'s of customers who wish to purchase alcoholic beverages, even if you think they look well above the legal drinking age. Also contact authorities about any adults who may be purchasing or supplying alcoholic beverages for men and women under the age of 21.

Regardless of your age, if you believe you may have a drinking problem, consult a school counselor, health professional or an alcohol support group (for example Alcoholics Anonymous).

VIEWPOINT

by Chris Nieman, Crawford Roscommon Conservation District Forester

What a forester can do for you

Current estimates are that there are over 300,000 non-industrial private forest owners in Michigan. These non-industrial private forest landowners own and control over half of the forested land in Michigan. Some of these land owners choose not to manage their property or attempt to manage that land without first seeking the advice of a professional forester. Yet many of these same people would never think of defending themselves in a court or performing their own health care without first seeking the advice of a lawyer or doctor.

Whether a landowner is planting trees, harvesting timber or managing habitat for wildlife

they should consult with a professional forester. There are basically three types of foresters - public, industrial and consulting. Landowners should understand the differences of each and how they are employed.

Public foresters work for an agency such as the Conservation District, Department of Natural Resources, or Michigan State University Extension. These agencies provide service foresters to the public who can advise private forest landowners in the management of their forested lands. Landowners can use the service forester to obtain limited services such as education, unbiased advice and contact informa-

tion regarding other resource professionals in the area.

Industrial foresters work for the benefit and interests of a forest products company. They typically manage industrial lands or private lands for products utilized by their employer which may be pulpwood or sawtimber. They usually provide free advice to landowners however; this advice may or may not be totally independent or unbiased.

Private foresters are self-employed consultants and are contracted by the landowner. The landowner is their client. Consulting foresters serve as the landowner's advisor and forest manager. They administer tim-

ber sales and tree plantings and conduct timber inventories and appraisals. Some may also offer tax services regarding income generated from selling timber.

To learn more about foresters and how they can help landowners manage their lands the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District is offering a forestry presentation at the Conservation Expo on Saturday, March 25. Public and private foresters will be on hand to answer questions regarding resource management.

For more information, contact Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District at (989)275-5231.

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BRIEFS

Consumer Fraud Series to be held

The senior center, at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will be holding the third in an eight week series on how to protect yourself from consumer fraud. Officer Coe from the Grayling Police Department will be presenting Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 12:30 p.m., on the topic "Identity Theft," with information on what identity theft is, how thieves can get and use your information, how to protect yourself and what to do if you are a victim. For more information call Alice Snyder at 348-7123.

Sen. Tony Stamas announces office hours

Sen. Tony Stamas, will conduct office hours in Grayling on Friday, Feb. 10, from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave. The office hours are open to residents to express their opinions or request assistance with a state issue.

Friends of Library to hold used book sale

Friends of the Crawford County Libraries will hold a Cabin Fever Book Sale, Friday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Devereaux Crawford County Memorial Library, 201 Plum St., Grayling. Hard cover, paperbacks and vintage books available and a book lovers' raffle on Friday.

Paper Drive month for the help center

February is "Paper Drive Month" for the Crawford County Christian Community Help Center. Paper towels, facial tissues and toilet paper are needed items. You may take them to churches or to the Help Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., M-W-F. Call 348-6046 for more information.

Sheriff to attend Frederic Twp. meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Frederic Township meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to attend the meeting. He will be there throughout the meeting and if necessary, will remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

GHS bands to perform concert

The Grayling Viking Bands will present their annual Pre-Festival Concert, Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Think summer, come out and join the Hartwick Pines Swampers vintage base ball team

Are you a fan of baseball? Do you like history? Have you wondered how you can combine the two together? Well now you can, by playing "Vintage Base Ball."

It may be feeling like winter again with the new snow and the cold temperatures, but now is the time to start thinking about warm weather and come out to Hartwick Pines State Park on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m., to learn about the "Swampers" - the vintage base ball team that plays baseball by the rules of the year 1860 at Hartwick Pines State Park. Meet some of the current members of the Swampers, who played two matches against other teams last summer, and learn about how you can be involved.

For those who are not familiar with "Vintage Base Ball" (yes they spelled baseball with two words in the 19th century), it is baseball played to the rules of the year 1860, which saw players catching the ball bare-handed, being able to catch the ball on one bounce and it still being an out, and even catching the ball after it had been stuck in a tree and it being called an out. This was the days before complex equipment, like gloves; confusing rules, such as base on balls; and the ungentlemanly acts of sliding, leaving your feet to make a catch and spitting.

Baseball of the 1860s does have its similarities to baseball as we know it today: There were nine players to a side, the club that was "in" (or batting) got three outs, there were nine innings to a game, and the size of the diamond was ninety feet between the bases. However other aspects resembled the earlier games of cricket, rounders and townball: the players in the field wore no gloves, you could catch the ball on one bound (which came in handy without a glove),

the ball was "pitched" underhand (similar to pitching a horseshoe), and the pitcher stood forty-five feet from the batter, and the ball was a bit softer than a modern baseball.

This year's schedule for the Swampers has 5-6 games (scheduled so far) between June 24 and Sept. 3. Home games, played on the historically accurate field at the picnic area at Hartwick Pines State Park (the trees in the middle of the outfield are in play) will be on July 8 versus the Mighty River Hogs of Midland County, Aug. 13 against the Ludington Mariners and Sept. 3 when the Swampers will be hosting the Regulars of Mount Clemens. All home games will begin at 1 p.m. Road games are June 24 at Midland versus the Mighty River Hogs and July 1 at Mackinaw City in a three-team tournament with the Ludington Mariners and the Mackinaw City Historical Society. More games may still be scheduled.

Before the Hartwick Pines Base Ball Club can take to the field, more players are wanted (we'd like to have enough to cover for summer vacations). Along with players, there will also be a need for an umpire or two (there was one per game in the 1800s), scorekeepers, and "cranks" (fans of the 19th Century game). All involved will be interpreting some aspect of the game. To be a player, all you have to be at least 16 (or 14 if your parent is also involved) and have the ability (but not necessarily the talent) to throw and catch a ball, and can run (or at least slowly jog) the bases. Hitting will be a plus.

For more information about the Hartwick Pines Base Ball Club, please contact manager Rob Burg by phone at (989) 348-2537 or by email at burgr@michigan.gov.

Free tax preparation offered for qualified filers

In an effort to reach those who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, but don't use it, a local agency is offering free tax preparations for low-income filers.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) can help individuals and families increase their gross income by as much as 33 percent, but many eligible filers do not claim the credit. In response to this, Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMSCA) is once again offering free tax preparation in the 11 counties in which it serves.

The agency reports that there are two general reasons why people do not file for the Earned Income Tax Credit, they either don't know they qualify or they can't afford to pay for professional tax preparation.

By offering the service for free, NEMSCA hopes to increase the number of EITC claims, as well as increase the incomes of those persons. The EITC is a refundable credit for low-income working individuals and families. The important thing to note is that the filer doesn't have to pay it in to get it back.

NEMSCA staff members have attended training and are ready to assist filers. The free service is available to all who qualify for the tax credit. Staff will be able to determine the filing status for each and whether or not they can itemize deductions.

For information on the location and times in your county, call toll free: Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque counties at 800-219-2273 ext. 252. Arenac, Iosco, and Ogemaw counties call 989-345-1090 ext. 20. This service will be available through June of this year.

Bereavement program to start in Roscommon

The Northern Michigan office of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Hospice of Helping Hands is sponsoring an educational grief support group. The group is open to any adult who has experienced a significant death in their lives due to an illness.

The support group will meet at the Roscommon Free Methodist Church located at 1515 M-18 (East Michigan Highway) in Roscommon for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning March 1.

Registration is required. For time, registration and additional information contact April David at Hospice of Helping Hands at (989)345-4700.

Kirtland to offer online sonography program

Representatives from Jackson Community College will be at Kirtland Community College on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. in the Allied Health Lab, room 208 in the Instructional Building to present information about the online sonography programs available to interested students.

Ultrasound is a growing health care field that offers career opportunities mostly in hospital settings. Students can take their prerequisite courses at Kirtland, their program courses online through Jackson, and complete their clinical internship in area hospitals.

For more information, contact Karen M. Brown at 989-275-5000, ext. 298, or by e-mail at brownk@kirtland.edu.

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Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 5 of \$25 each: Wyatt Senior, George Stancil, and George Wolfe.

The Bible Speaks

Rejecting God's Person

Pagans abide under God's wrath because they hold God's truth in unrighteousness. (Romans 1:18). The first truth they hold in unrighteousness is the truth of God's creation of all things. God says they stand without excuse before Him because they have rejected the knowledge of "his eternal power and Godhead" revealed by observing His creation.

The second truth pagans hold in unrighteousness is the truth of God's person. "21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Romans 1:21). They are without excuse because they once knew God. They showed dishonor toward God's person by not making Him welcome in their presence. They were unfriendly toward God. They did not desire or covet His friendship. They did not acknowledge His acquaintance. Like Adam and Eve when they sinned in the Garden of Eden hid from God's presence. Like Jonah who fled from God's presence, they did not want to do God's will. Dishonoring God's

person is the first step toward Paganism.

The second step toward Paganism is dishonoring God by not praising Him as God. "...They glorified him not as God..." They refused to adore or praise Him. They would not worship Him. They were ungodly for refusing to give glory to God. When Jesus Christ returns to rule from Jerusalem, all nations will come to worship Him. "All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name." (Psalm 86:9).

The third step toward Paganism is dishonoring God by ingratitude toward Him for His provisions for us. They "...neither were thankful..." When God's divine providence gives us all things, it is ungodly to be unthankful toward Him. It is not even good manners. "17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17). "John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven." (John 3:27). Being unthankful is one of the signs of

the last days according to 2 Timothy 3:1,2: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy..."

There is a direct cause and consequence for denying acquaintance of, adoration of, and appreciation of God. There was a direct change which took place in their heads and hearts in Rom 1:21b: "...but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Their hearts and heads became perverted. They became pagan perverts! We are warned in Ephesians 4:17,18 not to follow such ungodliness: "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES



Dorothy Lee Dawson

Oct. 25, 1935 - Jan. 29, 2006

Dorothy Lee Dawson, passed away on January 29, 2006 in the arms of her family in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dorothy was born in Grayling, on October 25, 1935, to William Wallace and Florence Elsie (Sturdivant) Dixon. She married Paul Earl Dawson on February 28, 1954.

She is survived by her children: Jackie Dawson, Karen Dawson and Jeannie (Jeff) Shives; granddaughters, Katie Lee Dawson and Samantha Shives of West Jordan; sister Sandra Hanover Logan of Utah, and brother Larry Dixon of Frederic.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother Jim Dixon, and sisters Clara Driver and Delores Root Tucker.

The funeral service was held on February 4 at the Westland 10th Ward.

Arrangements made by Jenkins-Soffe Funeral Homes and Cremation Center.

William "Billy" Williams

Sept. 29, 1950 - Feb. 5, 2006

William Edward "Billy" Williams, passed away on February 5, 2006.

William was born on September 29, 1950, in Gaylord, to Richard and Doris (Thomason) Williams.

He married Vicki Lynn (Vollmer) Williams. He was in the construction and masonry business for most of his life with his partner and friend, Cy Wakeley.

He is survived by his wife; daughters, Vicki Tuck and Billie Jo Williams of Grayling; grandchildren: William Vollmer, Kenneth Tuck, Kaylie Tuck, Taylor Williams, and Makenna Tuck; brother, Richard Little of Lapeer; and sister, Marjorie (Bob) Welch of Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers and sisters, twin babies Angela Renee and William Edward Williams, Jr.

The funeral service took place on Wednesday, February 8, at 2 p.m., at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Wojdan officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements were made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling.

Kenneth M. Burns

SGT. Kenneth M. Burns, formerly of Grayling, passed away on February 4, 2006.

He was the husband of the late Ava I. Burns.

Leslie H. Shadwell

Oct. 18, 1922 - Feb. 3, 2006

Leslie Hilton Shadwell, of Grayling, passed away on February 3, 2006.

Leslie was born on October 18, 1922, in Walled Lake, to Walter John and Laurie Edith (McKelvey) Shadwell.

He married Donna J. Reid on November 28, 1947. He retired from Consumers Power. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds he received on Iwo Jima Island while serving in the Marine Corps.

He is survived by his wife; daughters, Susan Peters and Nancy Shadwell of Seattle, Wash., and Linda J. Shadwell (Gary) Hepp; grandchildren, Allison Reid and Spencer Shadwell Hepp of Bainbridge Island, Wash., sisters, Velma Gillis of Albuquerque, N.M. and Lee Grant.

A gathering of family and friends was held on February 7, at the Sportsman Club in Clarkston.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be sent to the Alzheimers Association, Northeastern Chapter through Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Grayling, MI 49738. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 86 complaints the week of Jan. 30 - Feb. 5:

Twelve traffic accidents, one accident-fire, one accident, all other, six motor vehicles-vehicle identification number-school busses, six civil matters/family disputes, four suspicious situations, two lost and found properties, 16 general non-criminal complaints, three delinquent minors, three false alarms, three assault/intimidation/stalkings, one burglary/home invasion, four larcenies, one fraudulent activities, two embezzlements, one embezzlement-business property, one damage to property, two family offense/abuse/neglect complaints, one liquor law violation, one flight to avoid prosecution, four public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, two health and safeties, one conservation, three miscellaneous arrests and four driving violations-driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?" For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Jan. 29 - Feb. 5:

One traffic accident, one private property accident, one assist other department, two larceny complaints, one alarm complaint, two disturbing the peace complaints, one city ordinance violations, six civil complaints, two juvenile complaints, one attempt to locate, two fraud complaints, one purchase permit, one be on the look-out and five unclassified complaints.

LIBRARY NEWS

Lovells Community Library February is National Bird Feeding Month.

An one day birding workshop called "For the Birds" for both kids and adults will be held at the Lovells Township Hall at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 11. Learn about our feathered friends, bird identification, feeding, feeders and more.

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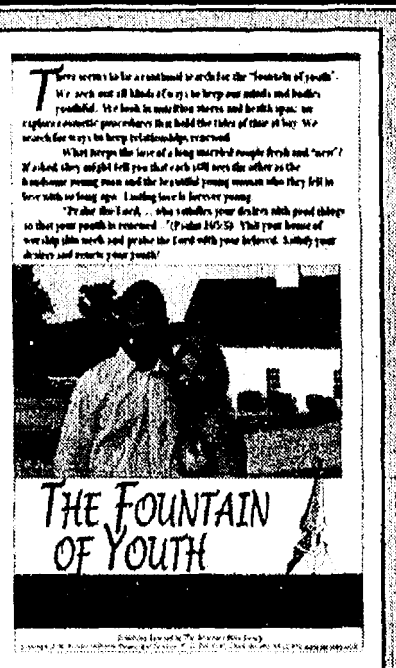
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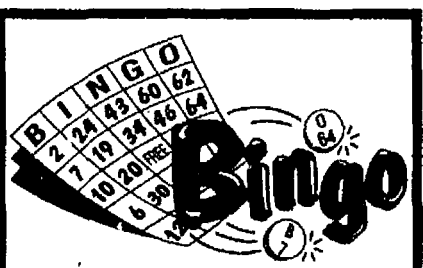
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Uncover the land of dreams and travel with GPA 'In Search of Shangri-La'

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Travel and Adventure Series will be "In Search of Shangri-La" on Feb. 16 at the Rialto Theatre, in Grayling, with live presenter Buddy Hatton.

Shangri-La is a Tibetan word meaning, a "land of sacredness and peace."

Hatton follows the path of James Hilton's inspiration for his novel, "The Lost Horizon" and actually finds a similar paradise in the province of Yunnan, China. In this travel film you will be visiting Guilin, Hong Kong, and Southwest China.

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Dali was first established in the early Ming Dynasty. The magnificent towers, peaceful streets, small but exquisite courtyards, bring people back to an ancient time of serenity and peace.

Lijiang, the protected UNESCO World Heritage Site, is well-known for its scientific layout and is a treasure of ancient Chinese architecture. This 800 year old walled city is paved with cobbled stones and running canals throughout the town; home to the Bai people who have a totally different culture than the rest of China.

Shangri-La, also known as Zhongdian, was recently discovered to be the original place depicted in Hilton's novel, the "Lost Horizon" and now officially renamed the city of



The Grayling Promotional Association's Travel and Adventure Series presents "In Search of Shangri-La" on Feb. 16, on the big screen at the Rialto Theatre and narrated live by world traveler Buddy Hatton.

Shangri-La. The landscape encompasses snow-clad peaks, deep ravines, vast prairies, alpine lakes and virgin forests, a landscape with all the elements implied in the word "Shangri-La."

Join Hatton as he finds paradise in this mythical and long sought after valley of Shangri-La.

This live presentation will last approximately 90 minutes and will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m., doors opening at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students; and are available at the

Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Flowers By Josie, Uptown Grayling or at the door.

For more information on this performance or a schedule for the upcoming series call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

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Hospital chapel art designed by Sister of Mercy artist

The important symbols of faith are depicted in a newly commissioned artwork

Symbols representing six faith traditions are depicted in artwork recently incorporated into Mercy Hospital Grayling's chapel by Sister Marie Henderson, who serves on the faculty of the University of Detroit Mercy and has a private practice in art.

The artwork represents the faith traditions of Native Americans, all Christians, Jewish, Buddhist, Islamic and Sufi communities.

Henderson was commissioned to produce the artwork by Sister Jean Umlor, a retired Mercy Hospital Grayling employee. "It's part of an inheritance from my mom and dad, Walter and Rose Umlor," Jean Umlor said. Two years ago that inheritance funded a stained-glass window in the chapel.

"The chapel at all Catholic hospitals is the central part of the mission," Jean Umlor said. "We wanted to have in the chapel

something that represented other faith traditions in the world." Henderson produced a water-color painting depicting different people of faith in the world and six round symbols to place on the wall beside the painting.

Henderson used hydro stone as the substance for the symbols. It is much harder than plaster, but not as hard as stone. It can be liquefied and once dried, water will not affect it. The symbols have a bronze patina on them.

The chapel has been a consistent holy place since the first Catholic hospital opened in Grayling. It is the place where the Catholic Eucharist is celebrated and is reserved for distribution to Catholic patients and residents of Mercy Manor.

The chapel offers a place where people of all faiths stop for prayer and meditation. The artwork reflects the chapel's availability to all.

"It's a way of honoring all faith traditions," Jean Umlor said.



Symbols representing six faith traditions are depicted in artwork that was recently incorporated into Mercy Hospital Grayling's chapel.

Free financial education classes to be held

The Grayling Housing Commission and Northern Homes Community Development Corporation of Boyne City will be offering free Financial Fitness/Credit Education classes starting in March. The classes will be offered through a five week workshop series starting Wednesday, March 1.

The topics will include Knowing and Understanding your Credit, Predatory Lending, a free personal credit report

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Participants will receive information on consumer rights, dealing with creditors, and how to become a homeowner. To register call Alice Yeoman, toll free at 866-637-1834. Both morning and evening classes will be offered in Grayling and afternoon classes will be offered in Prudenville. Call for time and locations.

Mesack named MVMA board president

Dr. Paul Mesack has been appointed president of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA). He is the owner of both the Grayling Animal Hospital and Roscommon Veterinary Clinic.

Along with serving on the board, Mesack is also a member of the MVMA Continuing Education Committee, a governing trustee for the Michigan Animal Health Foundation and board member for Trout Unlimited. He is a member of the Michigan Veterinary Conference Executive Committee representing the MVMA board of directors and serves on the MVC Continuing Education Committee.

"We are privileged to have Dr. Mesack's knowledge and experience leading our board this year," says Karlene Belyea, MVMA executive director.

The MVMA announced Mesack's appointment at its 2006 Michigan Veterinary



Dr. Paul Mesack

Conference that was held Jan. 27-29.

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Sentencings for January 2005 Hon. John G. Hunter

Robert L. Choate, age 59 of Burton - Sentenced on Jan. 31, 2006 for animals-cruelty/abandonment; sentenced to serve 10 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,580 in fines and \$730 in restitution or serve 93 days in jail.

James Patrick Germaine, age 44 of Cheboygan - Sentenced on Jan. 24, 2006 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate and operate while visibly impaired; sentenced to serve 29 days in jail with credit for 29 days served; ordered to pay \$610 in fines or serve 61 days in jail; placed on probation for 90 days in jail.

Shane Allen Hart, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2006 for child/contribute to delinquency; ordered to pay \$705 in fines or serve 70 days in jail.

Melanie Anne Mateos, age 28 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 31, 2006 for retail fraud-second degree; sentenced to serve three days in jail; ordered to pay \$845 in fines or serve 84 days in jail; placed on probation for 89 days.

Dominic Henry Siwik, age 38 of Plymouth - Sentenced on Jan. 31, 2006 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$265 in fines or serve 26 days in jail.

Kristy Renee Hulbert, age 22

of Frederic - Sentenced on Jan. 3, 2006 for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$595 in fines or serve 59 days in jail.

Kathleen Jean Verbruggen, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 24, 2006 for receiving and concealing under \$200; ordered to pay \$645 in fines or serve 64 days in jail.

Jeremy David Nichols, age 25 of St. Helen - Sentenced on Jan. 24, 2006 for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$595 in fines or serve 59 days in jail; placed on probation for 90 days in jail.

Carol Lee Baltierra, age 34 of Prudenville - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2006 for no proof of insurance; ordered to pay \$145 in fines or serve 14 days in jail.

Kenneth Wozniak, age 53 of Frederic - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2006 for operating without security; ordered to pay \$350 in fines or serve 35 days in jail.

John Anthony Schlaff, age 35 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 24, 2006 for disorderly person/drink; ordered to pay \$350 in fines or serve 35 days in jail.

Gary Douglas Wiegman, age 53 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 31, 2006 for illegal cut state trees; ordered to pay \$405 in fines and \$1,400 in restitution or serve 93 days in jail.

Joseph Charles Valentin, age 46 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 30, 2006 for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 44

days in jail.

William Henry Fragel III, age 47 of Goose Pointe Park - Sentenced on Jan. 31, 2006 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$405 in fines or serve 40 days in jail.

James Otto Failing, age 49 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 31, 2006 for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 44 days in jail.

Ryan David Schmidt, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 31, 2006 for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$765 in fines or serve 76 days in jail; placed on probation for 89 days in jail.

Joel Anthony Niedjelski, age 48 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 31, 2006 for disturbance of the peace; sentenced to serve 30 days in jail with credit for six days served.

Magistrate Camarin Talarico

Sherry Ann Rowbotham, age 36 of Kalkaska - Sentenced on Jan. 25, 2006 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$215 in fines or serve 21 days in jail.

Samantha Leigh Cobb, age 27 of Traverse City - Sentenced on Jan. 25, 2006 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$305 in fines or serve 30 days in jail.

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Free admission remains for state historical center

by Eric Freedman
Capital News Service

Admission to the Michigan Historical Center, the flagship of the state's historical museum system, will remain free despite increasing financial pressures.

The Granholm administration has rejected a recommendation from the Michigan Historical Commission to institute entrance fees at the museum, a few blocks west of the Capitol.

The proposed fees would not have applied to the state's 10 other historical museums, including those in Negaunee, Grayling, Roscommon, East Tawas and Bad Axe.

"Given the pressure on state revenue and the state budget, we've had to think about how to generate revenue," said William Anderson, director of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, which runs the museum.

"We might have generated revenue but we might have blocked attendance," Anderson said.

A number of state historical museums have imposed fees to raise revenue, including the Wisconsin Historical Museum in Madison which collects a \$4 "donation" from adults and \$3 from children. The Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis and the Ohio Historical Center in Columbus charge \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

The Michigan Historical Center is a popular destination for school groups and tourists. It drew about 135,000 visitors in 2005, lower than in some past years, museums division Director Phil Kwiatkowski said.

Sandra Clark, director of the Michigan Historical Center, said no decision had been made about the size of the admission fee, but the range discussed was \$5-\$6 per adult and \$1.50-\$2.50 per child.

"Does that mean there are children who can't come because they can't afford the fees?" she said. "And it is the state's museum."

The fees would have generated what Clark called "a tiny fraction of what it costs to run" the museum.

Greg Bird, the state Budget Office communications director, said his agency has asked all departments to look at ways to raise revenue, but that the proposed museum entry fees would "not be the best way" to do that, "especially with the number of schools and schoolchildren that come through that museum on an annual basis."

The Historical Commission, which is an advisory body, didn't recommend fees for the system's other 10 museums, which usually operate from late spring to early fall.

In the Lower Peninsula, they are the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, Roscommon; Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling; Mann House, Concord; Sanilac Petroglyphs, Bad Axe; Tawas Point Lighthouse, East Tawas and Walker Tavern, Brooklyn.

Upper Peninsula museums are Fayette Historic Townsite, Garden; Fort Wilkins and the Copper Harbor Lighthouse, Copper Harbor; Father Marquette National Memorial,

St. Ignace, and the Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee.

Most are in state parks where the Department of Natural Resources already collects an admission fee, Clark said. "We (the museum system) don't get any direct thing from DNR but obviously DNR has responsibility for maintaining the exterior of the buildings and the grounds."

Attendance varies. In the Upper Peninsula, for example, the Iron Industry Museum drew 7,732 visitors in 2005, while Fort Wilkins brought in 111,775.

Overall, visitation has dropped in recent years, Kwiatkowski said, adding, "9-11 and gas prices have hurt all museums."

"We need to find more activities and involvement in the community to bring our numbers up," he said.

Clark said the department is looking for alternative sources of money through its nonprofit fundraising affiliate, the Michigan Historical Center Foundation, which recently hired a part-time development director to seek private donations.

And the state archives, also run by the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, now charge a \$15 fee to do research for individuals such as genealogists who phone for assistance. There's no fee for people who do their own research at the facilities.

"We're in a time when we try lots of ideas," Clark said.

"This was one," she said of the admission fee proposal. "We're moving on to plan B and plan C."

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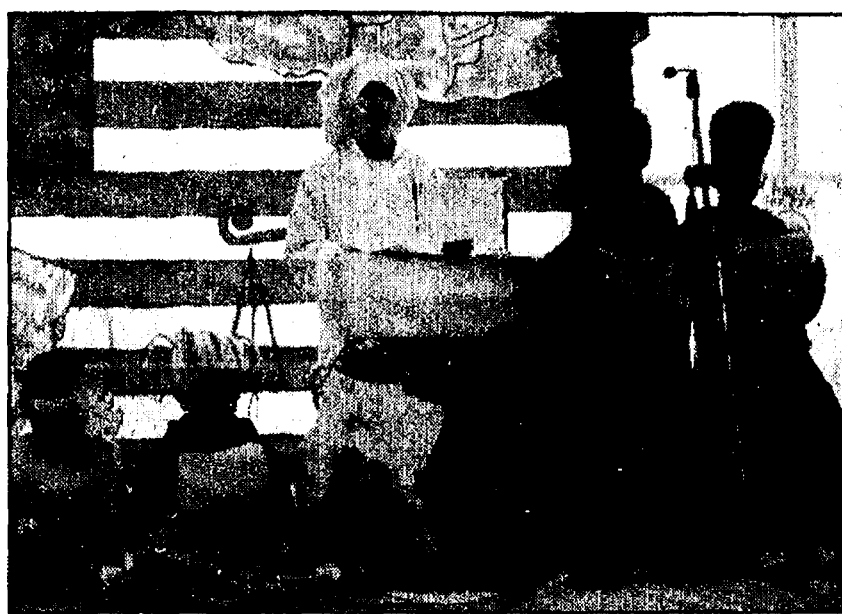


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February is National Children's Dental Health Month and a good time to remind parents to avoid putting babies and toddlers to bed with a bottle. This is the best choice parents can make to ensure a lifetime of good dental health.

When young children are exposed to sugary fluids such as milk, formula, and juice over a prolonged period of time, they can develop baby bottle tooth decay (BBTD). BBTD is a serious condition caused when sugary fluids pool around children's teeth and become a breeding ground for bacteria. Acid produced by bacteria attacks tooth enamel and causes decay after repeated attacks. Long time exposure leads to severe toothaches, abscessed teeth or tooth loss. This can make it difficult for young children to learn to eat properly, and can also cause dental problems in permanent teeth.

"Research shows that tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease and can increase the risk of decay in erupting teeth," says Jed J. Jacobson, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H., vice president, professional services, and dental director at the affiliated Delta Dental Plans of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. "By caring for a child's baby, or primary teeth, you are helping their overall oral growth and development."

Dr. Jacobson offers additional tips for preventing BBTD:

Encourage your child to drink from a cup. Begin offering fluids in a cup to children at age six months and have babies off bottles by the age of one year.

If necessary, give children alternatives to bottles at naptime. If a child must have a bottle to fall asleep, fill it with water rather than sugary liquids or provide a clean pacifier.

Never give children a bottle filled with a soft drink. Exposing children to soft drinks, which are filled with refined sugar, sets them up for dental decay and chronic health problems like diabetes.

Clean your baby's gum and tooth area. Use a soft washcloth at least once a day after the appearance of the first tooth to help wash away sugary fluids.

Visit the dentist early. According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, a child's first dental visit should take place when the first tooth appears or by the child's first birthday.

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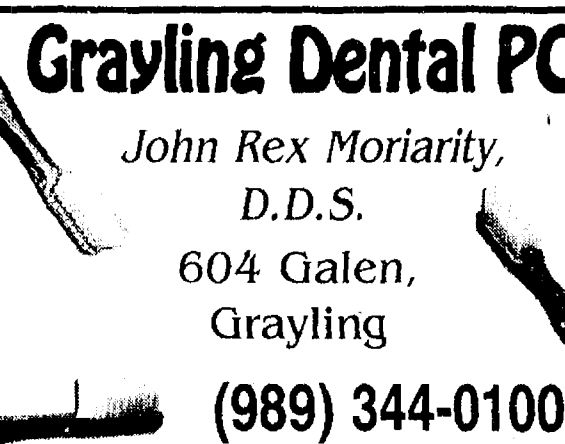


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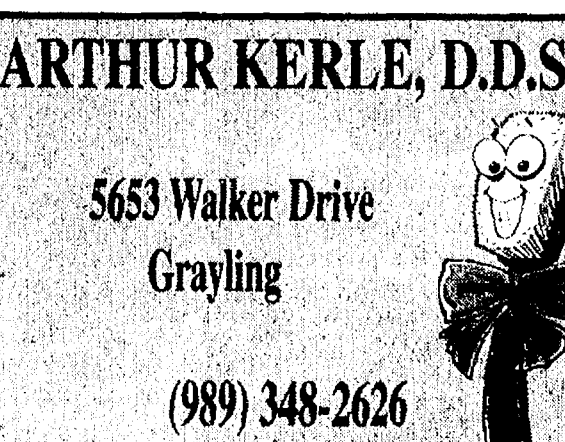


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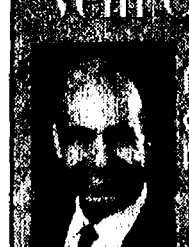
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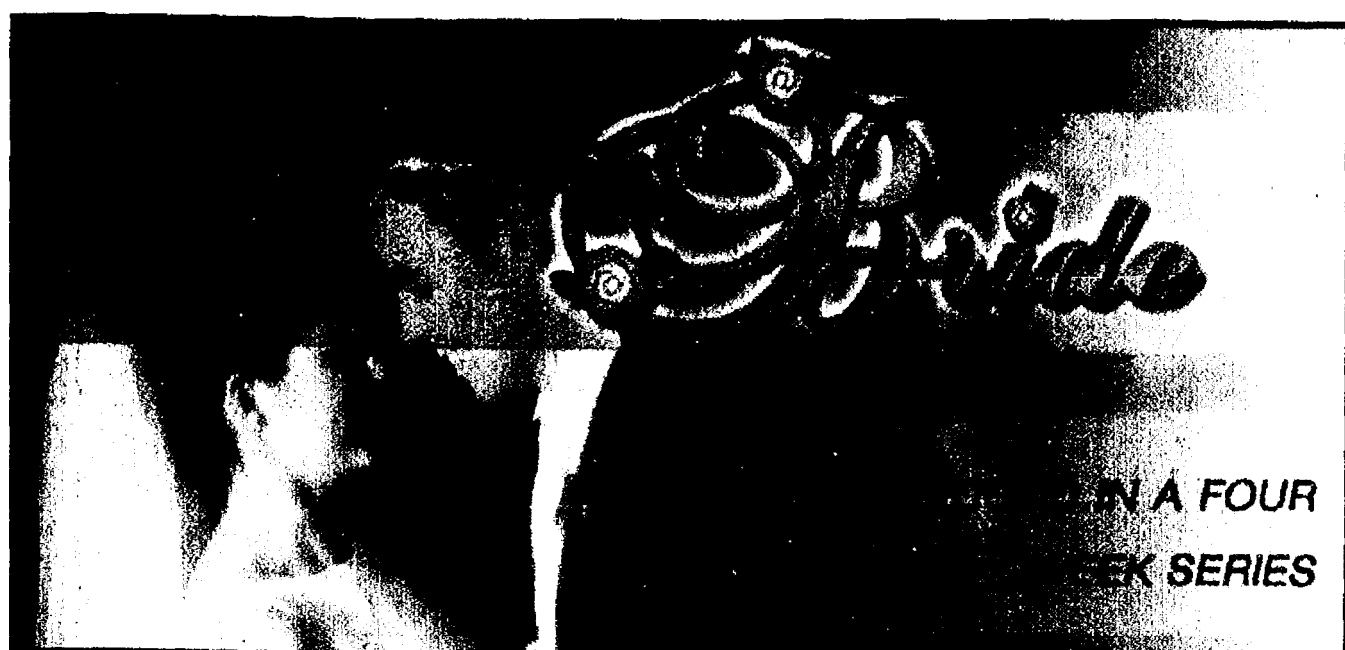
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Roles of Wedding Party Participants

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Maid of Honor

The maid of honor is a role typically filled by a sister or a very close friend. It is the equivalent of the groom's best man. The maid of honor's role, therefore, is typically very involved. Among her many responsibilities, the maid of honor accompanies the bride on shopping trips for her wedding dress while also planning the bridal shower, bachelorette party and coordinating the bridal party gift for the bride. Also, the maid of honor helps the bride get dressed on her wedding day, holds the groom's wedding ring during the wedding and may also help in the writing of invitations. The maid of honor will also typically act as a witness to the wedding and dance with the best man at the reception. If the woman you're asking is married, her title will be matron of honor.

Best Man

Perhaps the most well-known responsibilities of the best man are organizing the bachelor party and giving the toast at the reception. But the best man, who is typically a brother or best friend of the groom, also has a slew of other responsibilities. In addition to helping the groom choose his tuxedo and get dressed

before the wedding, the best man coordinates the couple's gift from the groomsmen and takes care of the newlyweds' transportation to the airport after the reception or the next morning. The best man may also hold onto any payment that's due to the reception site or the donation for the house of worship, and take care of any final financial details. He also holds the bride's wedding ring during the ceremony.

Bridesmaids

Along with walking in the wedding procession, bridesmaids attend the shower and contribute to the bridal gifts. Bridesmaids, who are typically sisters or friends of the bride or groom, also dance with the groomsmen during the reception. To be further involved, each can be given specific roles, like reading a religious passage at the ceremony, providing assistance with choosing wedding vendors, or helping to address wedding invitations.

Groomsmen

Groomsmen are the male equivalent of the bridesmaids, typically having nearly identical responsibilities. Sometimes, groomsmen can act as ushers for guests arriving at the ceremony, groomsmen walk in the wedding procession and attend and help organize the bachelor party as well.

Flower Girl

If the bride has a sister who is especially young, that sister typically fills the role of flower girl. Since most flower girls are very young, their responsibilities are generally limited to carrying a basket of flowers during the procession and, depending on the bride's preference, tossing flower petals on the ground to mark

the bride's entrance.

Ring Bearer

Like the flower girl, the ring bearer is a very young member of the family, only the ring bearer is a male. The ring bearer's role is to carry a pillow with the rings sewn on it during the procession. Some couples choose to have the ring bearer and the flower girl walk next to one another during the procession.

Parents of the Bride

The bride's parents may be responsible for hosting the wedding, if they will be completely financially responsible for the event. In some cases, the father of the bride escorts his daughter down the aisle alone, but in other instances or in religious ceremonies, both parents may accompany the bride. In all cases, it's her preference. The mother of the bride may help fund or contribute to the planning of the bridal shower if the Maid of Honor needs assistance. These parents may also foot the cost of an engagement party or dinner to meet the groom's family.

Parents of the Groom

The groom's parents should host a rehearsal dinner prior to the wedding. They may also choose to contribute to the wedding if they desire. In most cases, the groom's parents have limited responsibilities, but can be involved as much as the wedding couple would like. Traditionally, the groom's mother confers with the bride's mother on what color gown she is wearing, so as not to go with the same shade. The groom's parents may walk down the aisle in advance of the rest of the wedding procession and take their seats.

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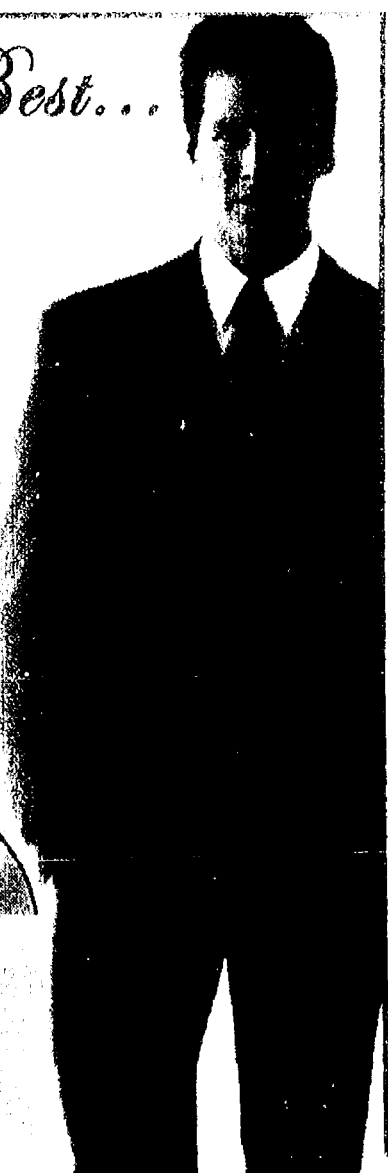
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Care Night



Photo by Dan Sanderson

John Hunt, the environmental manager for Camp Grayling, is donating an acoustic guitar autographed by country stars Brooks and Dunn for the Crawford County United Way's Care Night which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Grayling Eagles Club. Hunt obtained the guitar at the AuSable Adventure Golf Outing Dinner, which was held in August to raise funds for the Michigan National Guard's Family Support Fund. Tickets to attend Care Night are available at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Sheriff Wakefield starts warrant pick up program

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield and his deputies have stepped up efforts to look for wanted criminals.

Wakefield has implemented a warrant pick up program throughout his office.

Due to years of budget restraints placed on Crawford County and the Sheriff's Office, a lapse in warrant service has occurred.

With the passage of the Crawford County Law Enforcement Millage in 2004, Sheriff Wakefield has been able to reestablish the 24-hour road patrol and now is trying to track down those people that have cur-

rent warrants for their arrest.

As of January 31, 2006 there are 462 current outstanding warrants issued in Crawford County. All of Sheriff Wakefield's officers will be making attempts to track these people down.

"If you have a warrant for your arrest out of Crawford County, turn yourself in before we knock on your door or visit you at work," Wakefield said.

If you have a tip on someone that may have a warrant for his or her arrest, please call our tip line at 344-3218 or email to tips@crawfordsheriff.org. Your information can be kept anonymous.

GPA supports Mercy's Emergency Department

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) has pledged a \$5,000 donation to Mercy Hospital Grayling's Capital Campaign to help with the construction of a new Emergency Department on the hospital's campus.

Construction of the new Emergency Department will begin this spring, will triple the size of the department, and will increase the number of treatment beds from eight to 17. Patient and family areas will be improved, as will patient privacy and comfort.

The new department will be completed by mid-2007, replacing the current, 28 year-old department that was designed to serve about half of the number of patients treated in the department today.

GPA is a local service group that works to support and promote the Grayling community. GPA sponsors and/or supports the Fall Arts & Craft Show, Breakfast with Santa, area beautification & seasonal decorating, cultural events, the AuSable River Festival and Parade, Thank You Grayling Day, etc.

New members are always welcome, and information can be sought from any GPA member or at P.O. Box 150, Grayling.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 10 - Lunch - baked pork chops, sweet potatoes and apples, beets, and fresh fruit salad. No dinner. 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, Feb. 11 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for appt. and bring your own towel.

Monday, Feb. 13 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, hot German potato salad, spinach, and mixed fruit. Dinner - pork chops, glazed sweet potatoes, asparagus, and pears. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club; 5:30 p.m. Cardo.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Lunch - Shepherd's pie, zucchini, cauliflower and cookie. Dinner - BBQ ribs, baked potato, Prince Charles vegetable blend and sweetheart dessert. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. tax clinic, 12:30 p.m. ID Theft, 5 p.m. Sweetheart Dinner and Dance, 6:30 p.m. Housing Commission Board Meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - Lunch - BBQ beef on bun, coleslaw, corn, and mandarin oranges. Dinner - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, smothered squash and pudding. 10 a.m. line dancing, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 2 p.m. Caregiver Class.

Thursday, Feb. 16 - Lunch - beef vegetable stew, biscuit, Brussels sprouts and fruited yogurt. Dinner - Lemon pepper chicken, winter blend veggies, beets and apricots. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks; 5 p.m. speaker on funeral planning, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

MILITARY NEWS

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Wrestling team defeats Blazers, Gladiators in meet at Kalkaska

Vikings to host MHSAA team district event on Wednesday, Feb. 15

Grayling comes back from 33-12 deficit to beat Blazers of Kalkaska 48-33

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling team won league matches against Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis last Thursday at Kalkaska High

School.

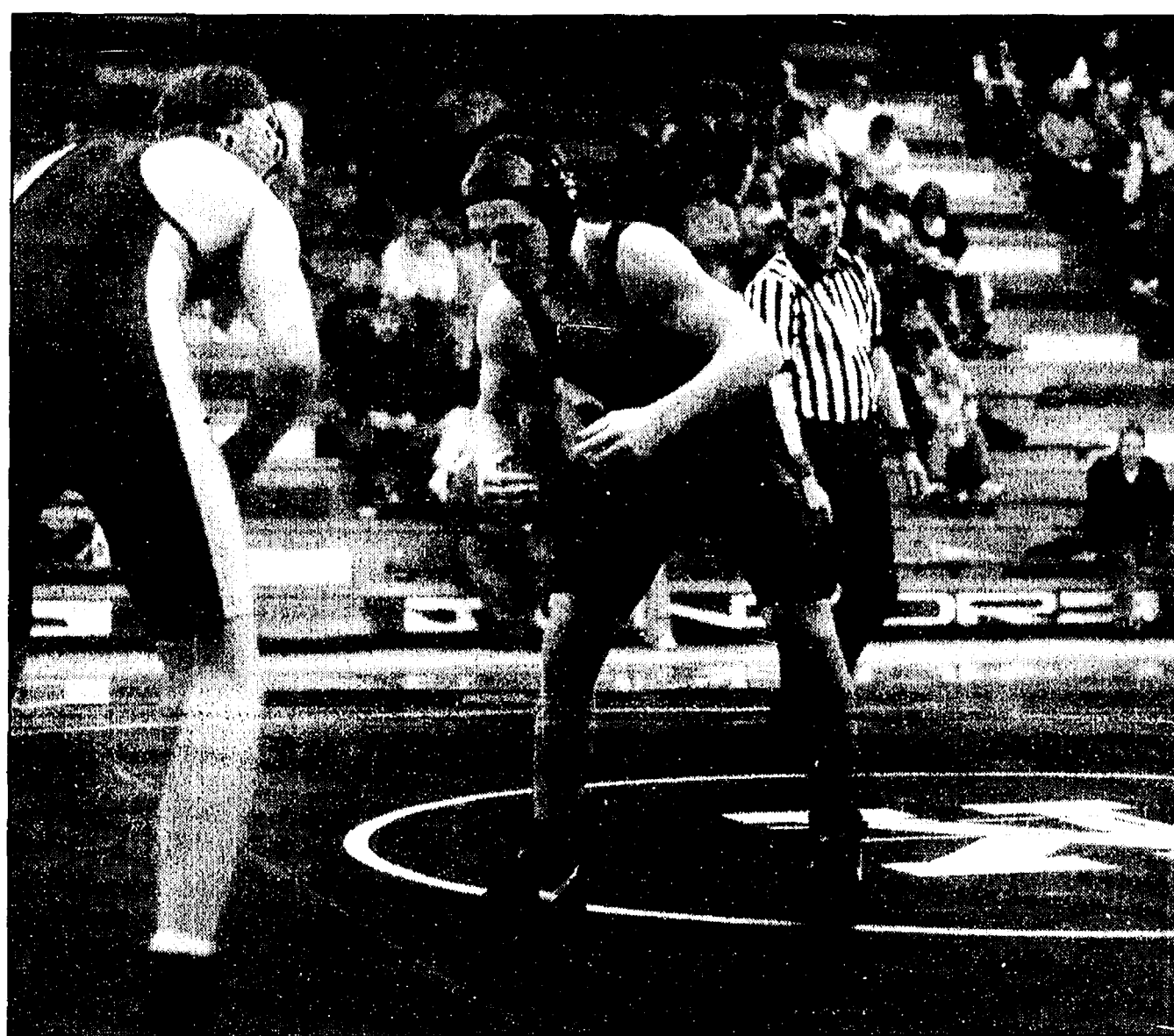
Grayling wrestled against the Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis in the first meet of the night, starting with the 171-pound division.

Jacob Reynolds (171) won a 13-3 decision, giving GHS an early 4-0 lead. James Walker (189) and Joey Ferrigan (215)

both won by default. Bill Stewart (heavyweight) won his match with a first round pin, and Grayling led 22-0.

The Gladiators won the 103-pound weight class by pin in the second round. Grayling forfeited 112.

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Brian Hagerman (145) wrestles against Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday night at Kalkaska.

Photos by Caleb Casey



Jeff Bancroft (160) tries for a pin vs. Kalkaska during Thursday's meet.



Cody Collen (130) competes against the Gladiators at Kalkaska.

Vikings win home game vs. Harrison 77-58 on Tuesday

Grayling falls to Rayders 81-74 at Charlevoix on Friday night

The GHS varsity boys basketball team defeated Harrison in a non-conference home game on Tuesday but lost a league game at Charlevoix on Friday night.

On Tuesday, the Vikings won

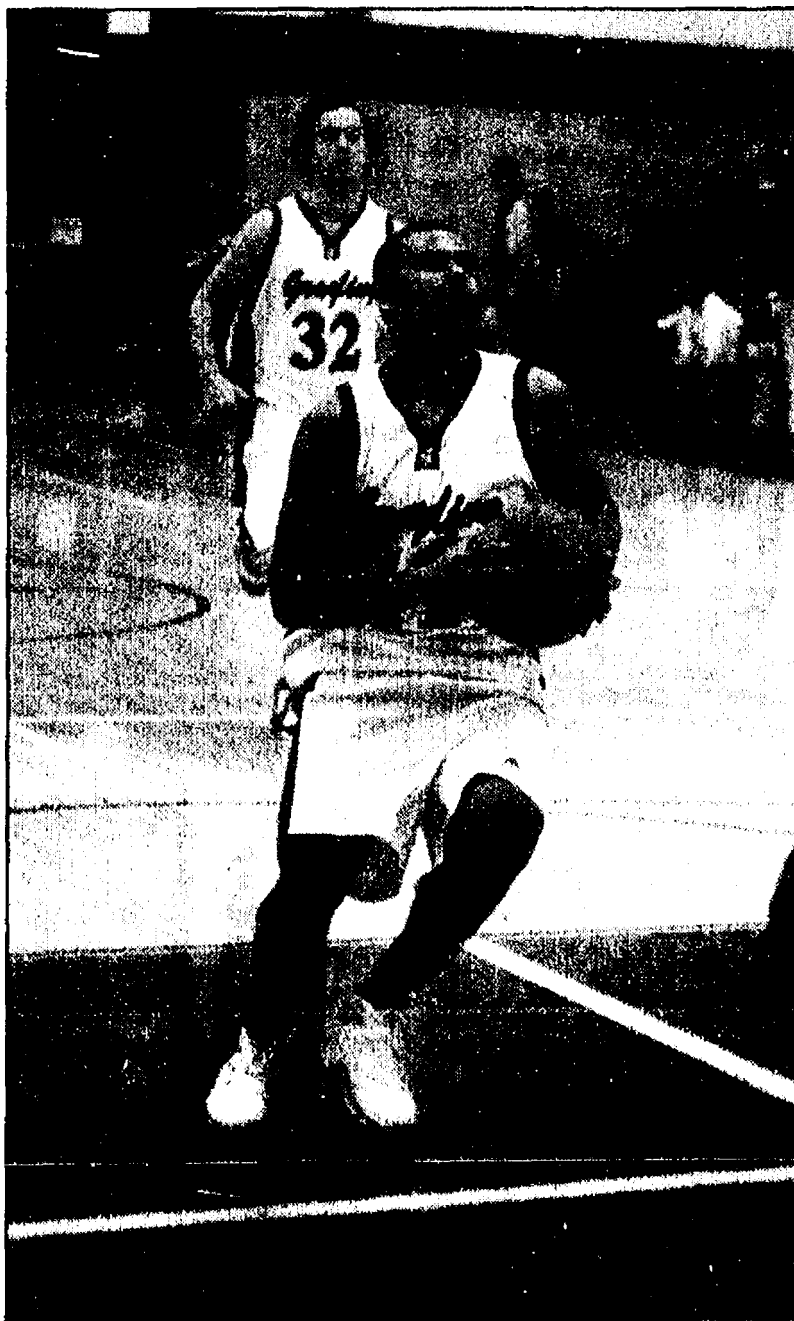
vs. the Harrison Hornets 77-58 in a non-league contest at Grayling High School.

Grayling led 20-14 after one period and had a 29-22 advantage at halftime. The Vikings took a 10-point lead - 49-39 - into the fourth quarter and won the game by 19 points.

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Reagan Schmidt (left) and Steve Hodge (right) drive toward the basket for the Vikings during Tuesday's home game vs. the Harrison Hornets.



JV basketball squad defeats Hornets 55-43

Grayling wins on Tuesday night but falls to Charlevoix on Friday

The Vikings of Grayling High School defeated the Harrison Hornets 55-43 in a junior varsity boys basketball contest at GHS

last Tuesday.

Grayling led 20-12 after one period. The Vikings took a 40-27 lead into the third quarter and had a 53-37 advantage going into the fourth period. The Vikings won by 12.


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Justin Summers handles the ball for the JV Vikings during last week's game against Harrison.

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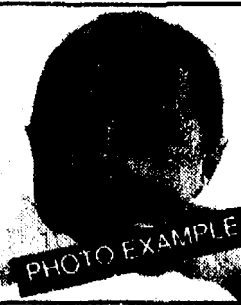
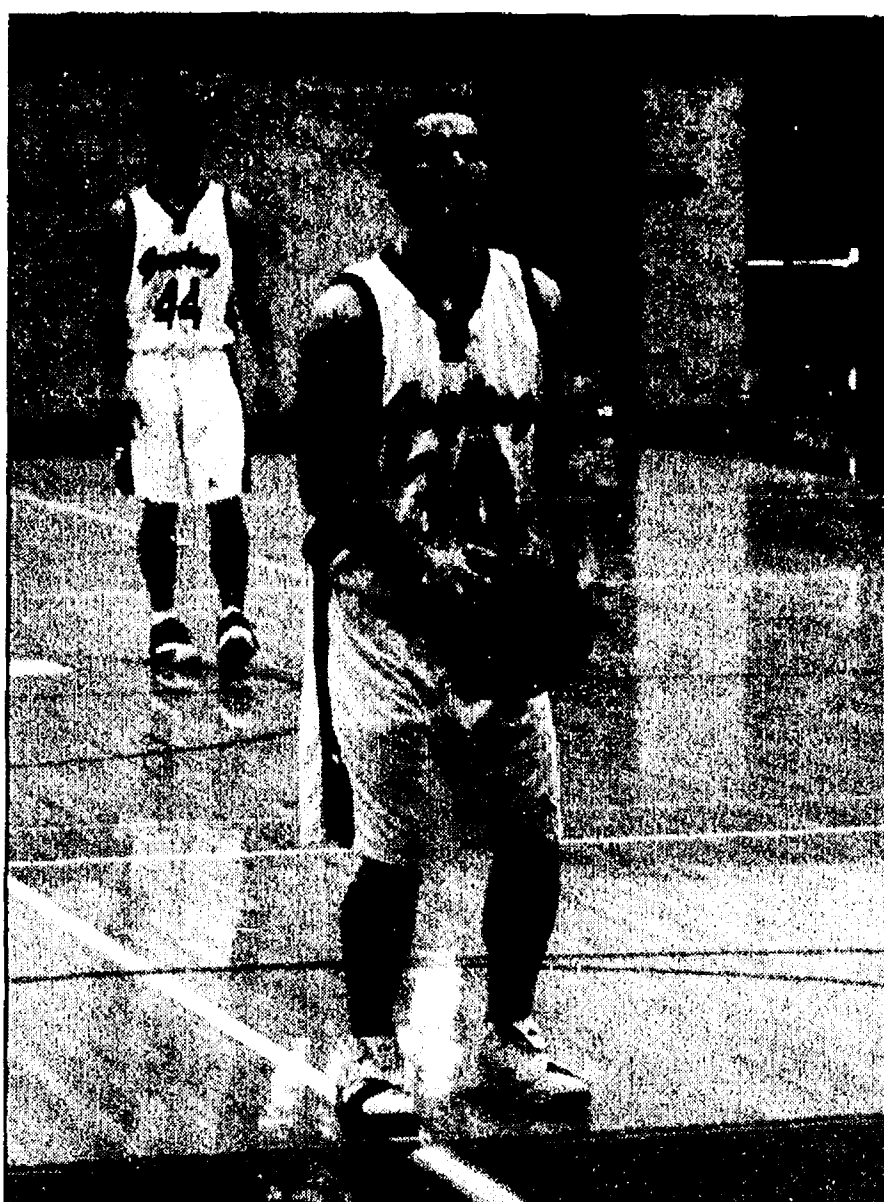


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(Left) Ronnie Johnston shoots a free throw for the Vikings on Tuesday. (Right) Zeke Hayes takes an inside shot for Grayling vs. Harrison.



Vikings win home game vs. Harrison 77-58 on Tuesday

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"In the tail end of the third (quarter) and into the fourth our kids did a better job of ball movement and moving without the ball. Once we did that, scoring came easier to the kids. We played well after that," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We got a number of kids into the game. All of our kids did a nice job today."

Eleven Vikings scored points vs. Harrison. Eli VanNuck, Reagan Schmidt, and Mike Boylan led GHS with 14, 12, and 11 points, respectively. Bobby

Starks scored 9 and Ryan Feldhauser had 8. Steve Hodge, Ronnie Johnston, Zach Dean, Zeke Hayes, Jim Boylan, and Zac Baker also scored points for Grayling.

Starks had 10 rebounds for the Vikings. Schmidt and Hodge had 5 assists apiece. Schmidt finished with 5 steals.

On Friday, the Vikings lost a Lake Michigan Conference game at Charlevoix 81-74.

Grayling led 21-16 after the first quarter but trailed 41-33 at halftime. The Rayders led 54-46 going into the fourth period and finished with a seven-point win.

"I thought our kids competed very hard throughout this game. We were hurt at the free throw line hitting 16 of 29 shots. Plus, we missed 25 shots inside of seven feet. For the first time this year, we lost our poise during adverse parts of the game. We have to be able to play through the tough times and stay focused," Coach Moffit said.

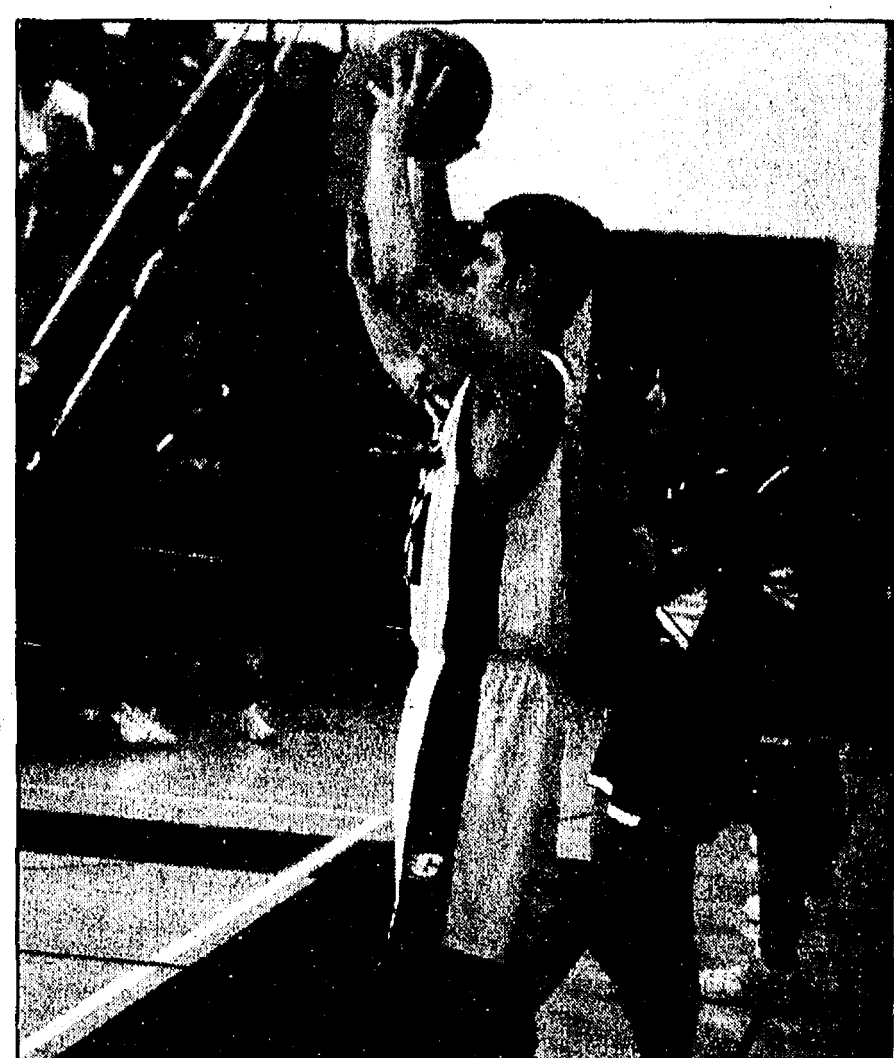
VanNuck had 27 points for Grayling. Feldhauser added 10 and Hodge scored 9. Schmidt and M. Boylan scored 7 points apiece. J. Boylan and Dean also scored points for GHS.

Starks had 13 rebounds for the Vikings. Schmidt finished with 6 assists and VanNuck had 4 steals.

Friday's loss dropped Grayling's Lake Michigan Conference record to 6-2 (11-2 overall).

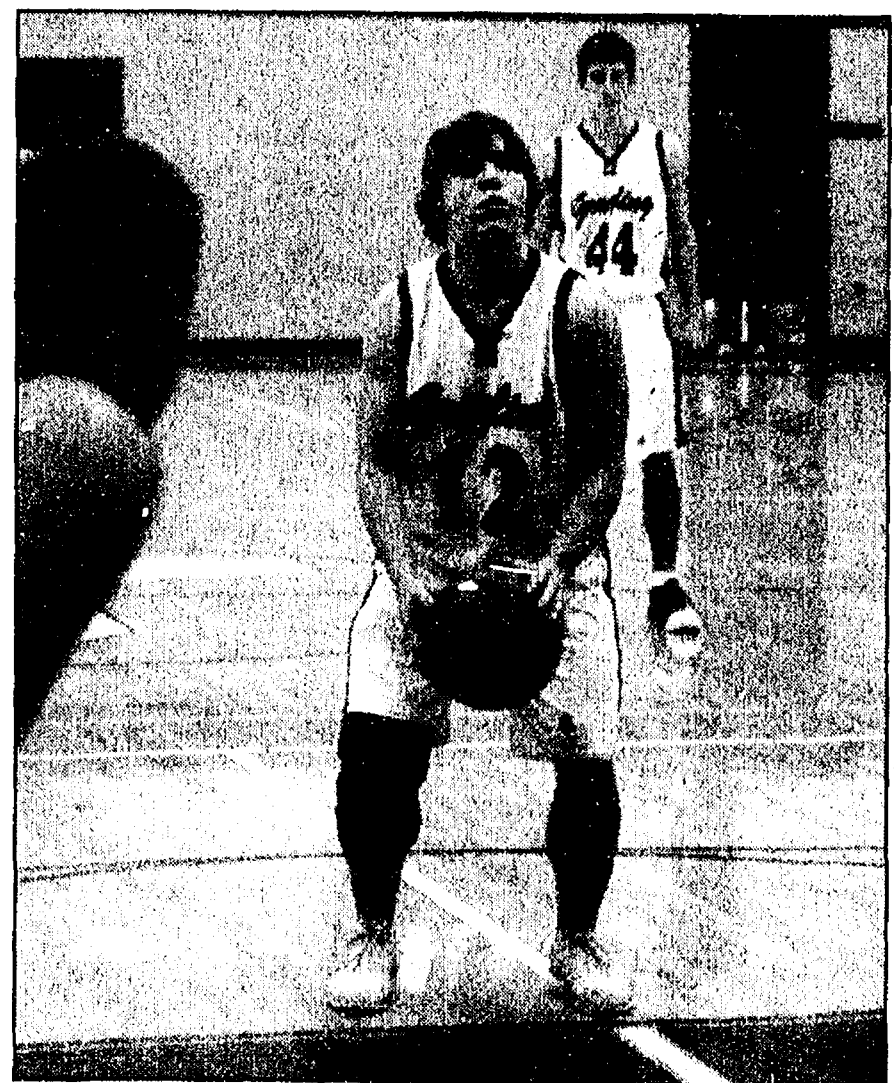
"We have to take our league games one by one and stay focused on who we are playing. We play five out of six of our remaining league games at home, which is a plus," Coach Moffit said.

The Vikings host East Jordan on Friday, Feb. 10.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Nick Parkinson passes the ball in bounds during Tuesday night's game against Harrison.



Zac Baker shoots from the free throw line for GHS.

5TH GRADE BASKETBALL

Grayling's 5th grade boys basketball team won one game and lost two at a tournament in Gaylord on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Grayling played Kalkaska first and finished with a 21-14 win.

Mason Krey, Levi Korneli, Jeff Enos, Tyler Powers, Wes Dean, and Scott Parkinson scored points for Grayling.

"It was great to win our first game. Alex Bartha, Jacob Robinson, and Alex Stephan also contributed to the win," Coach Parkinson said.

The 5th grade squad lost its second game 27-17 to

Roscommon.

Parkinson, Powers, Korneli, Krey, and Dean scored for Grayling.

In the team's third game, Grayling lost a close match against Mio 18-17.

Powers, Dean, Krey, Parkinson, and Jake Cochrane scored points for Grayling in the contest.

"This game was very exciting. We are proud of our team," Coach Parkinson said.

The 5th grade team will be practicing for a tournament to be held in Gaylord on Mar. 11.

Heads Up North

Viking of the Week



Varsity Basketball
 Coach: Rich Moffit

RYAN FELDHAUSER

Ryan scored 20 points for Grayling in two games last week. "(He) provided a ton of energy coming off the bench, especially at the defensive end of the court. He had 17 deflections in the last two games," his coach said.



Jeremiah Bootz (left) and Jason Drudge (right) shoot the ball for Grayling during Tuesday's game vs. Harrison.

JV basketball squad defeats Hornets 55-43

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Jeremiah Bootz had 20 points and 6 rebounds for GHS. Justin Summers scored 19 points. Richard Schreiber had 8 points and 5 steals. Josh Stapleton had 4 points and 6 steals. Matt McDonald had 2 points and 5 rebounds.

"Jeremiah Bootz and Justin Summers played an outstanding game," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "This was a nice win for our

team because it improved our record to 6-6. It's nice to get back to .500 after a 1-4 start to the season. This just shows how hard the team has worked to improve."

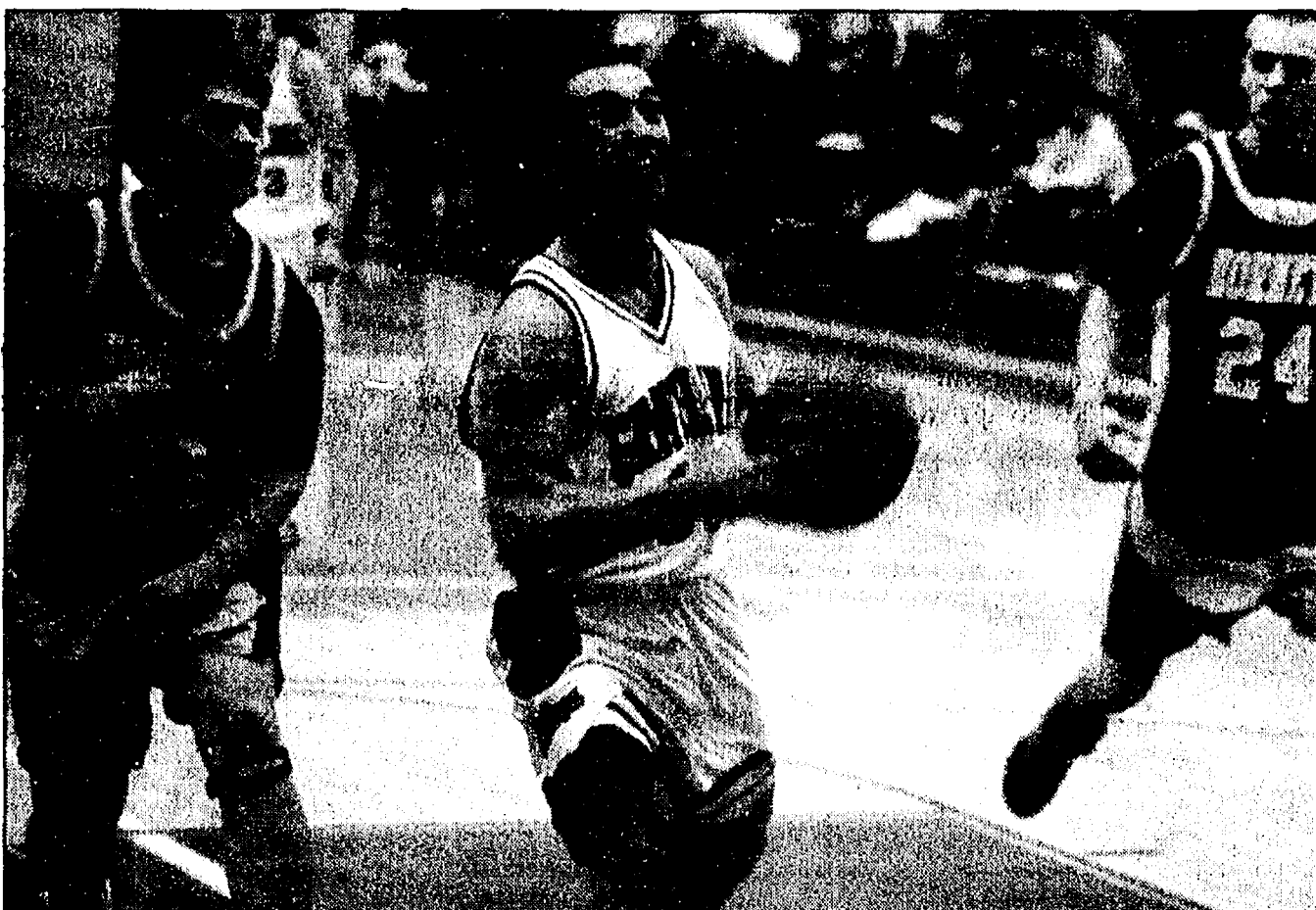
On Friday, the Vikings lost at Charlevoix 74-35.

"Little mistakes add up quickly when you play a team as good as Charlevoix. The first half we played extremely hard but missed 10 lay-ups. By the end of the game we shot 12 for 41 from

inside the paint. It's hard to win any game when you shoot 29 percent from inside the key," Coach Kucharek said.

Jason Drudge scored 12 points for the Vikings on Friday. Isaac VanNuck added 6. Ryan Cooper and Schreiber had 4 apiece. Lucas Pippin, Stapleton, Justin Denno, and Rocky McNamara also scored points for GHS.

The JV squad will host East Jordan on Friday, Feb. 10.



Ryan Cooper handles the ball for Grayling vs. Harrison.



Richard Schreiber (left) and Josh Stapleton (right) take inside shots for the Vikings on Tuesday.

6TH GRADE BASKETBALL

Grayling's 6th grade boys basketball team posted three wins in a tournament at Gaylord on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Grayling overcame a slow start on offense in its first game and defeated East Jordan 16-10.

"We started out shaky but they really picked it up on defense in the second half," Coach Rocky Tobin said.

The team's starting five included David Bergan, Thomas Burrell, Griffin Dean, Steven Enos, and Zane Tobin, and the squad got solid defense from Joey Latusek and Travis Schreiber off the bench.

Grayling won its second game 20-9 vs. Fairview. The team's starting five received added support from Zach Schreiber, Xavier Lindsey, Russell Stein, Jared Carlisle, and Josh McBride and some scoring from Devin Dawson.

"Everybody stepped it up and played well. We had good ball movement and a total team effort," Coach Tobin said.

In the third round, Grayling won by forfeit vs. West Branch.

The 6th grade squad will play in a tournament in Gaylord on Saturday, Mar. 11.

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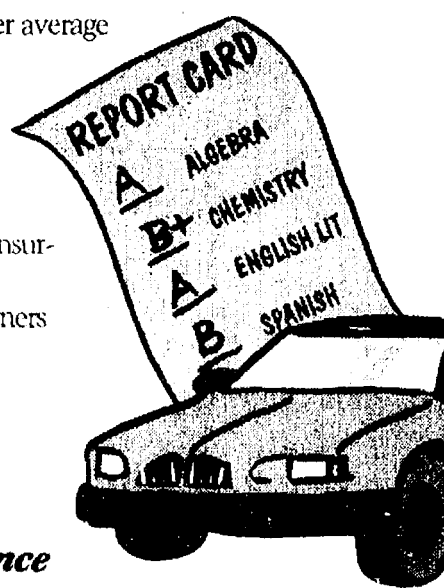
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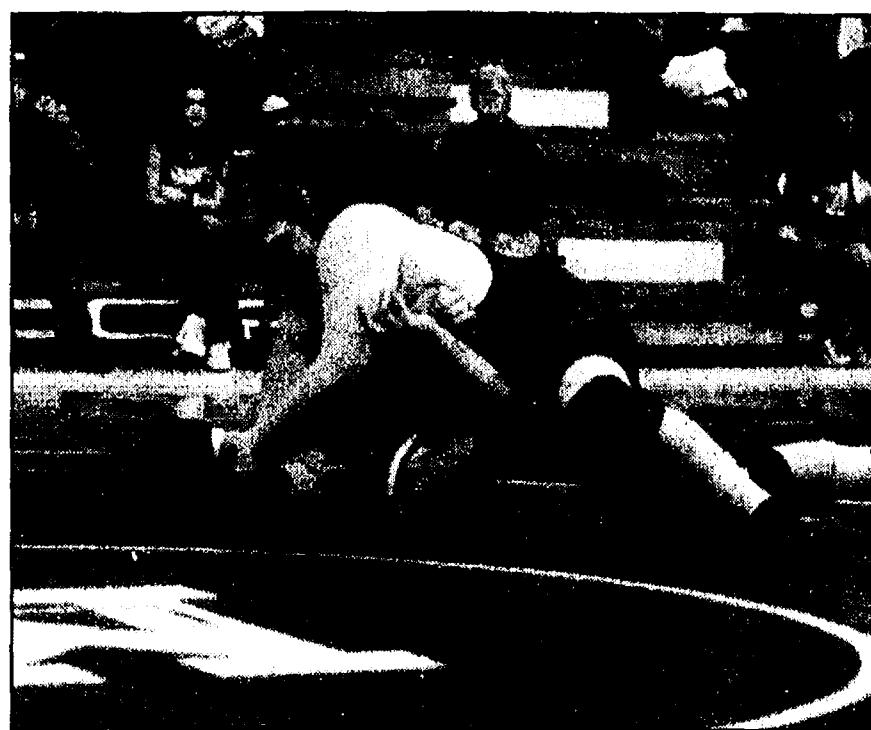
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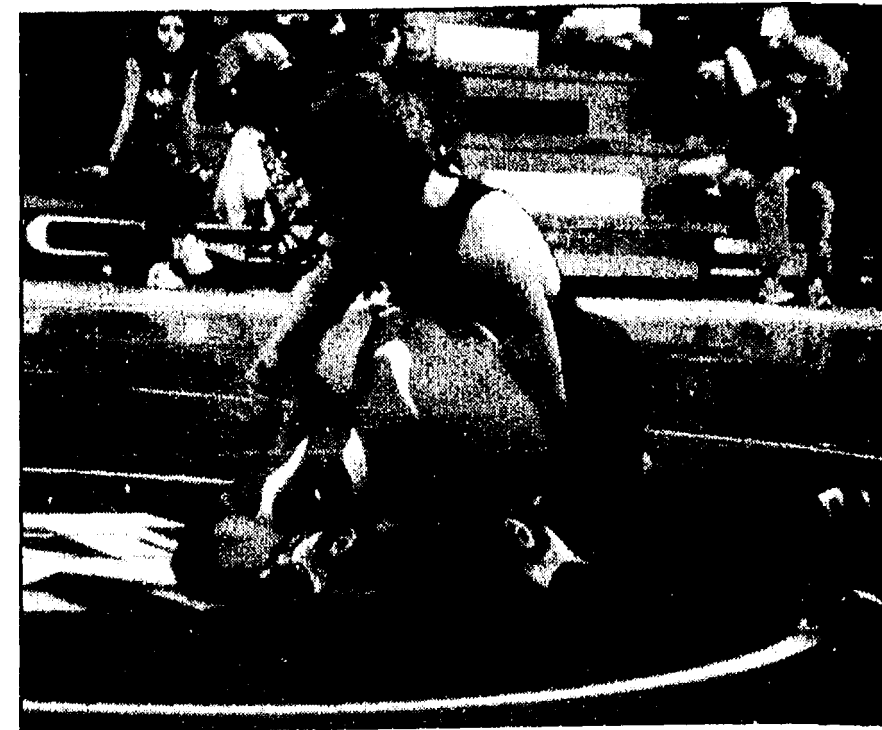
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Bill Stewart (heavyweight), left, and Shane Grove (135), right, wrestle against Kalkaska on Thursday.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Wrestling team defeats Blazers, Gladiators in meet at Kalkaska

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Eric Goscicki won the 119-pound division by default. TCSF posted a second round pin in the 125-pound weight class, pulling the Gladiators within 10, 28-18.

Cody Collen (130) defeated his TCSF opponent with a second round pin. Shane Grove (135) won by default. Cody Malone (140) pinned his St. Francis counterpart in the first round. The Gladiators won the 145-pound division with a 3-1 decision in overtime.

Jeff Bancroft (152) won his match vs. TCSF with a 6-2 decision. Eric Madill (160) won a 21-17 decision in the last match of the contest. Grayling won the series by a final score of 52-21.

The Kalkaska Blazers then defeated Traverse City 47-24, setting up a battle of the two winning teams.

Grayling won its first bout vs. Kalkaska with a first round pin by Ferrigan (215). Stewart (heavyweight) also pinned his Blazer opponent in the first round, giving GHS a 12-0 lead.

Kalkaska won the 103-pound division by pin. Grayling forfeited the 112-pound weight class, tying the score at 12-12.

The Blazers won the 119-pound division with a first round pin. Kalkaska won at 125 and 130 – both with third round pins. Kalkaska won a 6-4 decision at 135 to lead 33-12.

Malone (140) won by default. Brian Hagerman (145) pinned

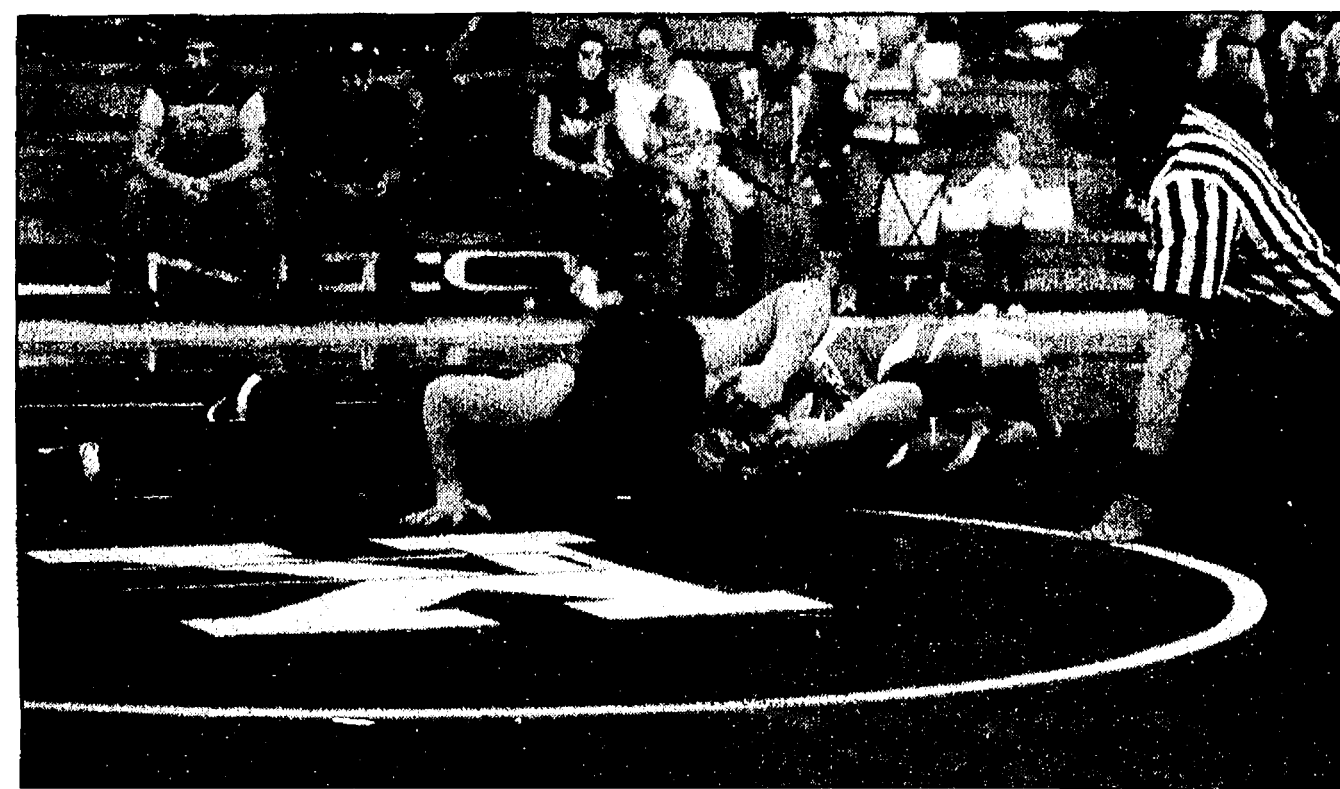
his opponent with 15 seconds left in the third round to pull Grayling within nine, 33-24. Matt Haight (152) won by default.

Bancroft (160) pinned his Kalkaska opponent in the first round, giving GHS a 36-33 advantage with two weight classes to go in the meet.

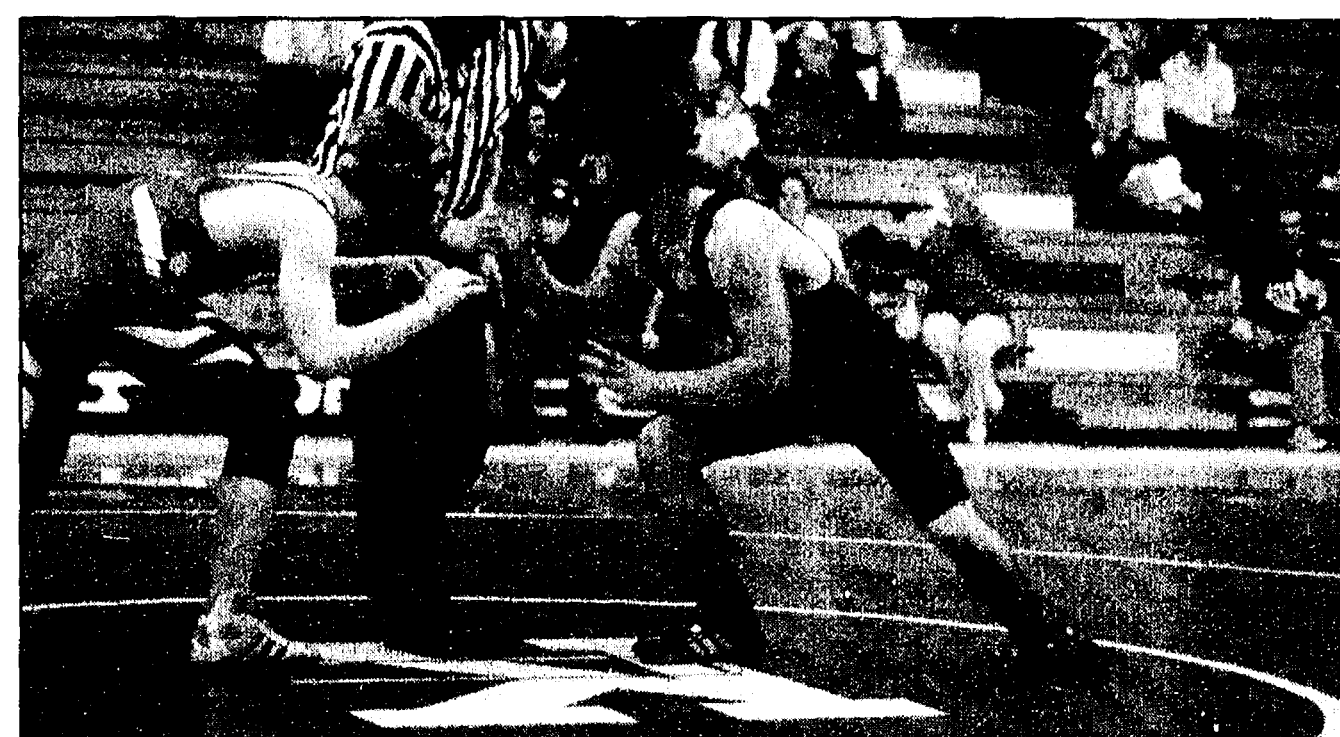
Madill, wrestling at 171, scored a pin late in the third

round. Walker (189) won by default, and the Vikings finished with a 48-33 team victory.

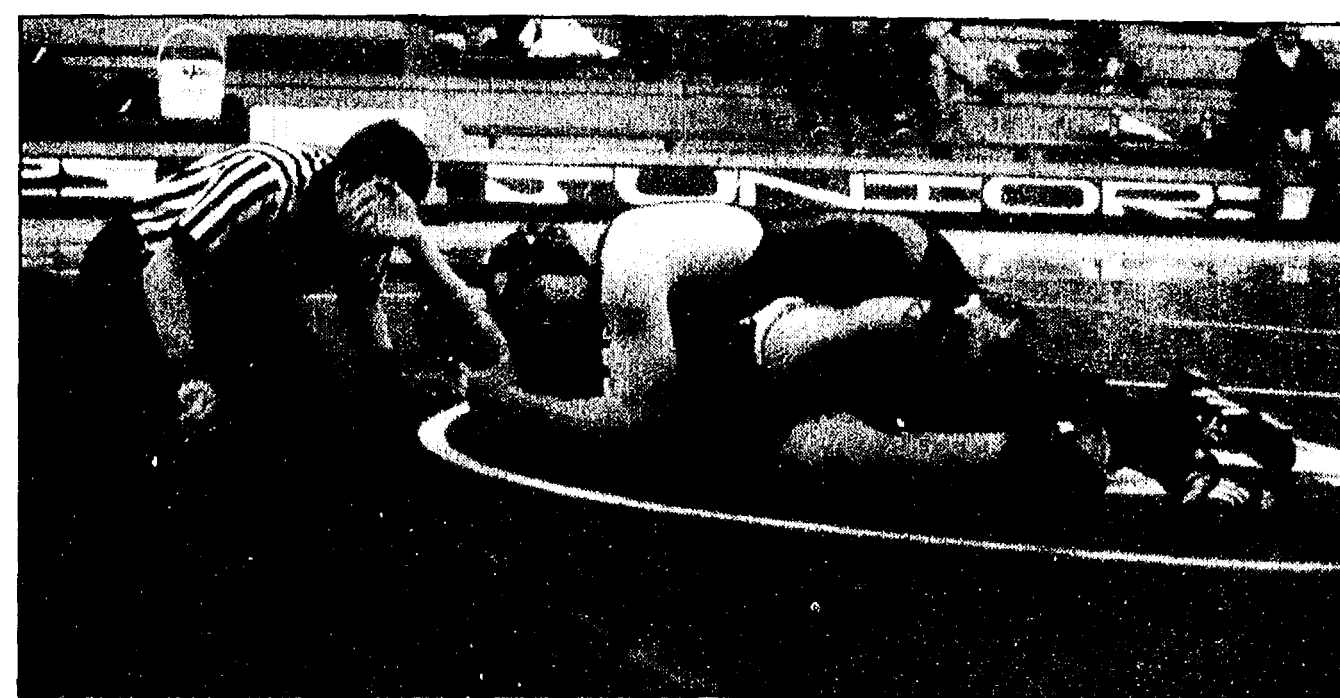
The Vikings will host the Michigan High School Athletic Association's team district competition for District 167 on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Grayling High School. The district includes teams from Grayling, Cheboygan, Houghton Lake, and Roscommon.



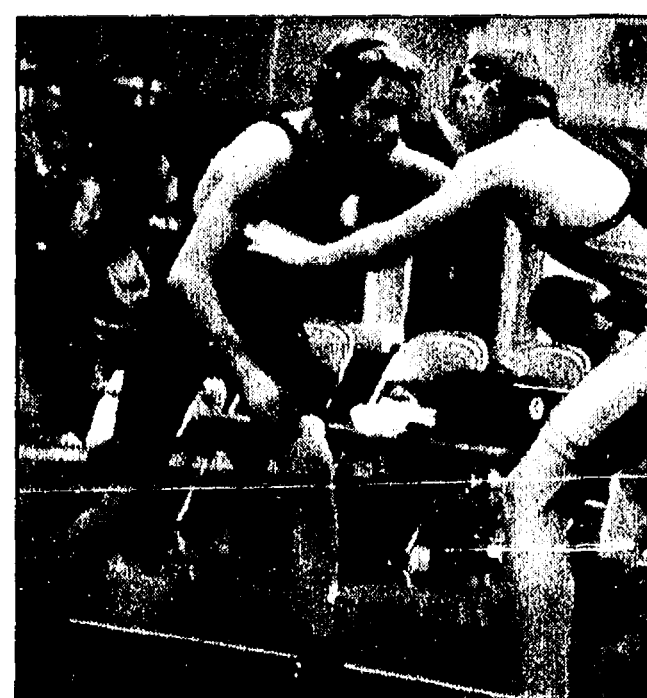
Eric Madill (171) goes for a pin vs. Kalkaska on Thursday night.



Eric Goscicki (119) faces a Kalkaska Blazer opponent.



Jacob Reynolds (171) wrestles against Traverse City St. Francis.



Frank McLeod (103), left, and Steve Grove (125), right, compete against the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators on Thursday.

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JV volleyball squad wins vs. Rudyard at Gaylord

■ Vikings split with Suttons Bay and Petoskey in tourney at Kalkaska

The GHS junior varsity volleyball team defeated Rudyard but lost to Gaylord in a meet at Gaylord on Monday, Jan. 23.

Against Rudyard, the Vikings lost the first match 25-20, but won the next two (25-20, 25-11) to win the series 2-1.

"We came out extremely intense vs. Rudyard and played great volleyball. In three games, we only missed five serves. That and our aggressiveness at the net allowed us to get the win. This is what the girls needed to boost their confidence," Coach Arica D'Amour said.

"After beating Rudyard they fought hard against Gaylord to win 25-24 the first match, but we always seem to fall apart at the end and lost two close ones to Gaylord," Coach D'Amour said. "We weren't setting the ball up and gave them too many opportunities to pound the ball at us."

Gaylord won games two and three of the series 25-20, 25-20.

"In the first game against Gaylord, Rachel Ward, (who is) 5' 2", was stuck at middle hitter and came up huge in the end with a block," Coach D'Amour said.

Leading servers for GHS during the meet included: Tiffany Davis, 25 for 31, 12 aces; Monica Peters, 28 for 31, 5 aces; Jessie Baker, 15 for 16, 4 aces; Rachel Ward, 11 for 12, 4 aces; Annie Melroy, 10 for 14, 1 ace; and Rachel Doremire, 9 for 9.

Renee Clair had 4 blocks, Shantele Apps had 2, Ward had 1, and Jamie Hagerman had 1. Apps had 6 digs and Doremire and Ward had 5 apiece. Clair had 3 digs.

Grayling's attack leaders were: Melroy, 12 for 14; Hagerman, 9 for 11; Baker, 8 for 10; Peters, 9 for 11; Clair, 13 for 16.

At a tournament in Kalkaska on Jan. 14, the Vikings split with Suttons Bay and Petoskey and lost a two-game series vs. Lake City.

Against Suttons Bay, GHS lost

the first game 25-18 and won the second game 25-15. The Vikings fell to Lake City 25-19, 25-24. Grayling defeated Petoskey 25-23, then lost the Northmen in the second game 25-20.

"We played some of our best volleyball at this tournament. Every game was close. We just need to play hard all the way to the end. We are improving our serving and serve receive, but we need to talk more and surround our hitters and blockers," Coach D'Amour said. "Two freshmen I brought up - Alyssa Lewis and Samantha Schreiber - did great serving. I am proud of how we played, but we never should have lost some of our close matches."

Serving leaders for Grayling included: (vs. Petoskey) Lewis, 11 for 12, 8 aces; Baker, 8 for 9, 1 ace; Ward, 10 for 11, 3 aces; Schreiber, 4 for 4; (vs. Lake City) Lewis, 10 for 10, 7 aces; Melroy, 7 for 7, 1 ace; Peters, 5 for 8, 2 aces; Ward, 6 for 6; (vs. Suttons Bay) Schreiber, 10 for 10, 1 ace; Lewis, 9 for 9; Baker, 5 for 6, 2 aces; Doremire, 4 for 4;

Ward, 4 for 4, 1 ace.

Baker was 7 for 8 in attacks vs. Petoskey. Ward was 3 for 4 and Hagerman was 2 for 2. Apps had 2 blocks and Ward, Hagerman, and Clair each had 1.

Against Lake City, Baker was 9 for 11 in attacks and Peters was 3 for 3. Apps had 5 blocks and Peters had 1.

In the Suttons Bay series, Baker was 4 for 4 in attacks and Clair was 2 for 3. Hagerman had 2 blocks, Clair had 1, and Apps had 1.

"We are learning and improving and I look forward to seeing better things to come," Coach D'Amour said.

The team will host East Jordan and Elk Rapids on Monday, Feb. 13.

Vikings ski in conference meet

On Thursday, Feb. 2, the GHS ski team competed in a Lake Michigan Conference meet. The Viking boys skied to a 6th place finish and the girls skied to a 5th place finish. The Traverse City St. Francis girls team won with a score of 72 points and the Harbor Springs boys team won with a perfect score of 20 points.

"We got some strong performances out of our girls," Coach Brad Wagner said. "Erica Moggo skied top 10 in slalom. She had a great first run and hung on with a couple of great recoveries in her second run to

get her best finish so far this year. Cassie Pizzi skied two very consistent runs in slalom to put her at 11th - also her best finish of the year. Hannah Smith was recovering from being sick and skied to a 19th place in slalom - very solid for a freshman, especially a sick one. We miss Katie Baynham. With three girls in the top 20 we are skiing very competitive."

The boys team was led by Jimmy Hilbrecht in slalom with a 14th place finish and Andrew Hart in giant slalom with a 15th place finish.

"Andrew had a great first run

and was sitting in the top 10, but a fall and a hike on his second run made for a hard day. Andrew is skiing really good right now. As for the second run bobbles, when you're pushing it, sometimes the wheels fall off. What I dig is that the kids are starting to do some really good skiing at the apex of this season," Coach Wagner said.

The ski team has a Lake Michigan Conference meet Thursday and the Bellaire Invitational on Friday.

"We're going to race ourselves into shape for regionals," Coach Wagner said.

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Lone Pine	37 - 51
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High Series Women: C. Wyatt, 475; C. Clark, 461; P. Harris, 434.	
High Game Women: P. Harris, 181; C. Clark, 174; C. Wyatt, 163.	
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High Game Men: P. Faustman, 237; B. Holton, 210; F. Periard, 195.	

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McDonald's	13 - 3
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Tim's Collision	1 - 15
High Series: J. Coors, 531; B. LaMotte, 494; P. Benardo, 475.	
High Game: J. Coors, 212; P. Benardo, 202; B. LaMotte, 190.	

Friday Mixed Doubles

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American Legion	19 - 13
Lucky & Laura's	17 - 15
New "Kids"	16 - 16
Double Trouble	13 - 19
Moshier Auto Repair	12 - 20
High Series Men: D. Canfield, 653; P. Benardo, 650; D. Williamson, 591.	
High Game Men: D. Canfield, 268; P. Benardo, 262; S. Green, 219.	
High Series Women: P. Benardo, 510; K. Moshier, 501; M. Moshier, 468.	
High Game Women: M. Moshier, 204; K. Moshier, 192; P. Benardo, 191.	

Northwood League

Tim's Collision	20 - 8
Carey & Jaskowski	17 - 11
Bud Lite Babes	16 - 12
Tree Huggers	15.5 - 12.5
Great Lk Mortgage	14 - 14
Choppers Spare	11.5 - 16.5
Hart Pontiac	11 - 17
Scott McNamara	7 - 21
High Series: P. Benardo, 510; C. Moore, 508; C. Ludwig, 489.	
High Game: C. Moore, 216; C. Ludwig, 193; K. Mitchell and D. Roman, 189.	

National First

Scott Pittman Bld.	26 - 16
Upper Lakes	25 - 17
Great Lakes Mort.	24 - 18
Legion Lanes	23 - 19
Corky's Karaoke	23 - 19
J-Bar	16 - 26
Faustman Insurance	16 - 26
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High Series: D. Canfield Sr., 641; D. Walker, 638; C. Brill, 636.	
High Game: S. Pittman, 249; D. Canfield Sr., 245; R. Sartin, 243.	

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McLeans ACE	27 - 8
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High Game: Larry Davis, 280; Lonnie Davis, 256; J. Hunt, 243.	

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Jerry's Jokers	24 - 11
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Dennco	9 - 26
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High Series Men: K. Slater, 510; S. Pittman, 503; JR. Akers, 494.	
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Vikings of the Week




Erica Moggo Andrew Hart

Skiing
Coach: Brad Wagner

ERICA MOGGO & ANDREW HART

"Erica got her best result of the year with a 10th place finish in slalom this week. She's turned her skiing around at the right time. Erica had a great week. Andrew led our team in GS this week and is our best slalom skier when he finishes. Andrew should have some good results ahead of him," their coach said.

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- Do you have to many bills to meet your house payment?
- Are you thinking about refinancing your home to pay off credit cards, the IRS or other debts?
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- Would you like to keep your property and get rid of your bills?
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- Are you sick and tired of harassing calls from creditors?

"IMPORTANT NOTICE" only about 5% of people in Northeast Michigan are affected by the new Bankruptcy Laws. You can still file bankruptcy on all the same debts including credit cards. Mr. Silver also offers a full range of legal services including **SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY CLAIMS.**

This office is a debt relief agency. We help people file for bankruptcy."

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You are cordially invited to the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Night Sponsored by Citizen Bank of Grayling and the Grayling Youth Booster Club.



Thursday, February 9
At the Holiday Inn
6:00 to 8:00 pm



Awards to be presented:

Athena ~ presented by Scheer Motors

Silver Lining Award and Citizen of the Year

Chamber Board Recognition ~ Chamber Ambassador of the Year

\$5.00 per person ~ (please call in advance for reservations 348-2921)

Valentine's Dinner

Specials For Two at Crawford Station Restaurant

BBQ Ribs for Two: A full slab of tender house smoked Pork Back Ribs smothered in our Chef's Robust sauce. Includes Duchess potatoes & vegetable medley. \$24.99

Steak & Shrimp: Two 7 oz. char-grilled Sirloin steaks & two skewers of eight piece Shrimp. Duchess potatoes & vegetable medley included. \$24.99

Shrimp Scampi: Garlic butter sauteed Shrimp covering a bed of tender pasta with fresh herbs & Julienne vegetables. \$23.99

Chateaubriand: Twin petite Tenderloin Filets char-grilled to your specification, with two sides of freshly prepared Gourmet sauce (Bearnaise & Bordelaise.) Duchess potatoes & vegetable medley included. \$36.99

Valentine dinners for two also include:

Choice of appetizer to share, individual toss salads, rolls & butter and choice of specialty dessert to share.

Appetizer choices:

Mozzarella Cheese Sticks, Chicken Quesadilla or Stuffed Potato Skins.

Dessert Choices:

Baked Alaska, Chocolate Fudge Ice Cream Torte or Strawberry Cheese Cake.

Bring this ad in and register to win a chance at "A Dinner for Two"

No purchase necessary. Need not be present to win.

Holiday Inn

2650 S. I-75 Business Loop • Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-7611 or 1-800-292-9055

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn	139
Holiday Inn	122
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Ball Run, Deanne (Sawmill II).	

Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community Announces the Addition of More Private Rooms



331 Meadows Drive • Grayling MI 49738-2005

*We have added
another enhancement
for those needing
skilled services in our
community.*

In 2002, we underwent a major renovation project giving our facility a new facelift inside and out. A Therapy Condo was opened this year, providing space to exercise doing home like tasks and offering outpatient services as well.

Our most recent enhancement is offering more Private rooms, fifty-six rooms with single occupancy and eight rooms with dual occupancy. All rooms have heat/air conditioning units to meet the needs of our residents and make their surroundings more comfortable.

As always we accommodate your needs with short/long term stays or respite.

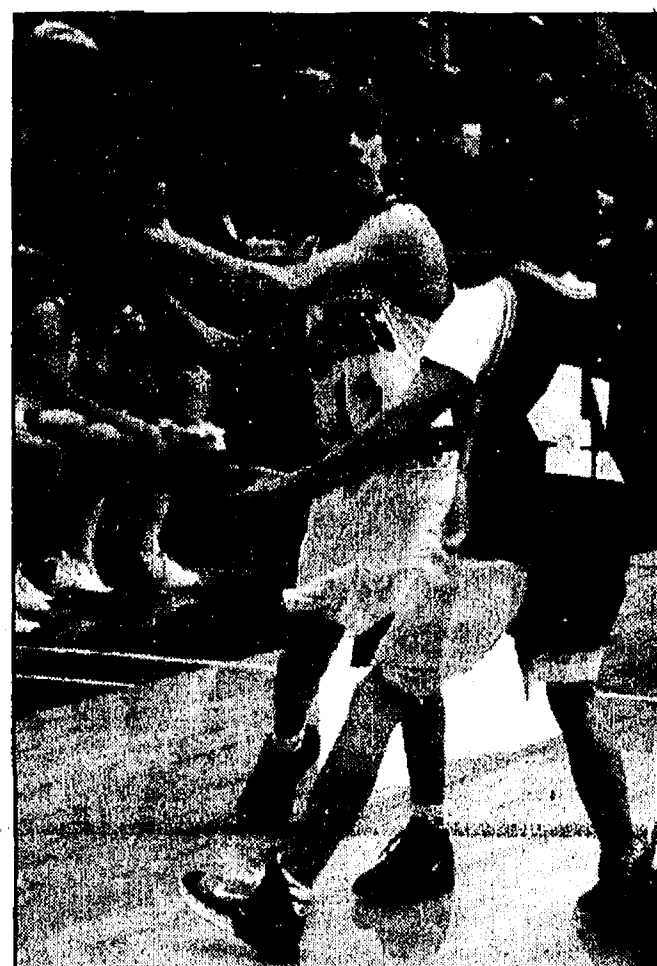
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Come check us out or call
Marilyn Heard at
989-348-2801

Freshman basketball team defeats Harrison 63-43



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ryan Foguth (left) and Alex Gabriel (right) drive in for lay-ups during last Tuesday's freshman boys basketball game against the Harrison Hornets at GHS. Below, Jacob Aubry (left) and Zac Hart (right) handle the ball for the Vikings. Grayling won the contest by a final score of 63-43.



LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE -- Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond W. Nelson and Darlene E. Nelson, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank dated the 6th day of August, A.D. 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of May, A.D. 2004, in Liber 668 of Crawford Records, on page 338, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$79,746.35 (Seventy Nine thousand,

Seven hundred Forty Six dollars and Thirty Five cents) including interest there on at 11.99% (eleven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of March, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Maple Forest, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Parcel F: Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 34, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the West one-quarter of said Section 34; thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds East (along the Section line), 651.1 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 59 degrees 07 minutes East, 155.3 feet; thence South 50 degrees 17 minutes East, 200.8 feet; thence South 35 degrees 54 minutes East, 246.3 feet; thence South 15 degrees 35 minutes West, 125.9 feet; thence South 2 degrees 10 minutes West, 104.2 feet to the South one-eighth line; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 30 seconds West, 384.1 feet to the Section line; thence North 0 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds West, 629.45 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: 6303 Gardenia Trail

Tax ID: 020-034-010-120-00

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 9, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWW.03918457

-9-16-23-2-9

Notice of Mortgage

Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Dent, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2001, and recorded on December 21, 2001 in Liber 564 on Page 309, and rerecorded on May 12, 2003 in Liber 633 on Page 210, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Eight And 29/100 Dollars (\$71,598.29), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a

sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, Grayling Manor, According to the Recorded Plat Thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 26, 2006

For more information, please call:

FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #080629F01

-26-2-9-16

MORTGAGE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE -- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GREGORY A. MILLER and SHELLY A. MILLER, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2002, and recorded on May 15, 2002, in Liber 581, on Page 452, Crawford County

Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Twenty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$124,027.73), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 1, 2006

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan and described as:
LOT(S) 15 AND 16, BLOCK 1, FIRST ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 19, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. TAX ID NO. 040-45-762-01-015-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 19, 2006

GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

-29-2-9-16

GRAYLING TWP. ZONING BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING

The Grayling Township Board of appeals will meet in public session on Monday, February 20, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grayling Township Hall to consider the following request:

Case No.	06-03
Petitioner	Ralph & Cari Oppermann 1478 S AuSable Trl Grayling, MI 49738
Location	S AuSable Trl Grayling, MI 49738
Prop. ID#	T26N, R4W, Section 2
Lot Size:	040-45-590-00-004-00
	Approximately 623 X 167
	(120,441sq. ft. to waters edge)
Zoning:	NRD (Natural River District)
Request	To construct a one and one-half story home with an attached garage in the Natural River District 30-feet from the south property line, a variance of 10-feet. All construction is to be 200-feet or more using Section 16.07-A with 183-feet to the river's edge with a 22-foot rise in bank from the AuSable River.

Text of zoning requests and zoning maps are available for review at the Grayling Township Hall, located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, during normal business hours.

Persons wishing to, may comment in person at the hearing, or send a signed statement to: Terry Wright, Zoning Administrator; PO Box 521; Grayling, MI 49738.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing concerning the Michigan Economic Development Corporation funding under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Funds from this grant were used to extend municipal water and sanitary sewer and pave two city streets allowing Derwich Industries to expand their operation at their current location in the City of Grayling Industrial Park. The utility extension will also serve other businesses which are planning to locate on the site. In addition, the project looped an existing water main to improve the operation of the city water system. This project has been completed and the public hearing will allow residents and property owners to make comments regarding the project.

The public hearing will be held on Monday February 13, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

Michele Moshier,
City Clerk

BEAR LAKE TWP. BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Bear Lake Township Board will hold a Budget Hearing for all Township Funds for 2006-2007 on Saturday, February 25, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. **THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.** The proposed budgets can be viewed by calling the Clerk at 231 258-4359. There will be an ANNUAL MEETING for the electors of BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP on SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk
231 258-4359

LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dean Worden, a single man, as his sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 5, 2005, and recorded on January 6, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 224, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven And 25/100 Dollars (\$58,967.25), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: BEING PARTS OF LOTS 17, 18 AND 19, OF BLOCK 8 OF THE FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, LYING SOUTHWESTERLY OF HIGHWAY M-72 AND ALSO A PART OF BLOCK 9 OF THE FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK DESCRIBED AS: BEING ALL THAT PART OF EVERGREEN STREET LYING BETWEEN BLOCKS 8 AND 9 AND WEST OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF M-7 TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF ADJOINING LOT 17 IN BLOCK 8, IF EXTENDED SOUTH ACROSS EVERGREEN STREET TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF BLOCK 9, ALSO LOTS 30 THROUGH 34 INCLUSIVE OF BLOCK 9, FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS

RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 24, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. ALL IN SECTION 9, TOWN 25 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 26, 2006

For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #066825F02

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Tim A. Thiel, a single man, and Paul N. Thiel, a single man, mortgagors, to Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 18, 2002, and was recorded on June 20, 2002, in Liber 585 on pages 65 through 68 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$31,058.51, including interest at 8.75% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as: Parcel 33: A parcel of land on part of the East half of Section 8, T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East Quarter corner of said Section 8; thence N89°48'29"W, 299.59 feet to the Point of Beginning,

thence S80°52'01"W, 3.34 feet; thence N01°12'41"E, 395.35 feet; thence N81°49'34"E, 202.71 feet; thence S01°12'41"W, 391.94 feet; thence S80°52'01"W, 197.27 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO an easement for ingress, egress and public utilities over and across the Southerly 33 feet thereof.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless it is determined that the property is abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 19, 2006

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

MORTGAGE SALE

The firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage. The mortgage was made by Monte G. Malonen, a single man, whose last known address was 525 Crescent Place, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture now known as United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, dated August 4, 2000 and recorded December 5, 2000 in Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 524, Pages 157, 158, 159, 160 161 & 162. There is claimed to be due to the United States of America as of January 9, 2006 the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen and 13/100 (\$71,917.13) Dollars including interest at 7.375 per annum. Interest is \$7,375 per day.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged property, or some part thereof, at public venue, at Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on **MARCH 1, 2006**.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and described as follows:

Lot 37, Grayling Manor, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

Dated: January 18, 2005

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE is accepting proposals from qualified architects to design the partial roof replacement of the Career Tech Building. Architects must be licensed to do business in the state of Michigan.

An open house to view the project will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Individuals should meet at the facilities management office in the Art/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's main campus.

Proposals will be received in the facilities management office until Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Requests for bid packages can be made by calling 989-275-5000, Ext. 263. Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Physical Plant at 989-275-5000, Ext. 263.

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 7, 2006 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 13, 2006 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 16, 2006 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd..

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATIONS	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

PUBLIC NOTICE

David L. Porteous
Attorney for Mortgagee
PORTEOUS LAW OFFICE, P.C.
4393 - 220th Avenue, P.O. Box 206
Reed City, MI 49677
(231) 832-3231

MORTGAGE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DENISE M. ENGLISH, a single woman and DAVID L. DEMARA, a married man, to SOURCE ONE MORTGAGE SERVICES CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1995, and recorded on October 9, 1995, in Liber 401, on Page 164, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$37,898.57), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan. at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 22, 2006

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan and described as: THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, EXCEPTING 33 FEET OFF THE WEST SIDE FOR ROAD PURPOSES. TAX ID NO. 040-41-025-04-120-00

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 12, 2006

GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgage/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James W. Harwood, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank - Northern Michigan, Mortgagee, dated April 15, 2002, and recorded on April 23, 2002 in Liber 578 on Page 565, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-2 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Fifty And 80/100 Dollars (\$117,050.80), including interest at 9.35% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 22, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 14 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 1316.35 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREE 37 MINUTES WEST 66 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 14 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 656.36 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREE 37 MINUTES WEST 32.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 14 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST 660.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREE 37 MINUTES EAST 98.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BE THE SAME MORE OR LESS, BUT SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 19, 2006

For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #077352F01

Notice Of Mortgage Sale

Default having been made in the conditions of certain Mortgages, the first such Mortgage having been made by MICHAEL J. WARGO and KELLY M. WARGO, his wife, whose address is 7671 W. May Lake Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with an office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated August 20, 1985 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on August 21, 1985 in Liber 237 of Crawford County Records

on Pages 377 through 380, inclusive, and the second such Mortgage being made by Kelly Wargo to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, such Mortgage being dated September 10, 1990 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on September 10, 1990 in Liber 315 of Crawford County Records on Pages 214 through 217, inclusive, and it further appearing that Kelly M. Wargo (now known as Kelly M. Verlinde) is the record owner of the mortgaged premises hereinafter; and by reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgages due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgages there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 41/100 (\$117,614.41) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgages, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgages has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgages and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Mortgages will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on **Wednesday March 15, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.** local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgages together with 11 and 3/8ths percent interest on the first Mortgage and 9.0 percent interest on the second Mortgage, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are describe in said Mortgages as follows to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, lying South of the County Road. (Also Commonly known as 7671 W. May Lake Road, Frederic Michigan, 49733; tax no. 030-002-005-125-00.)

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale unless property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Further information with regard to this foreclosure contact the Community Development Manager at the local office of Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (989) 345-4010, ext. 4.

Dated: January 31, 2006
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Robert J. Zitta (P22749)
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SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
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Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

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Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

**Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002**

GRAYLING TWP. ZONING BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING

The Grayling Township Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, February 20, 2006, at 7 p.m., at the Grayling Town Hall to consider the following request:

Case No.	06-02
Petitioner	Robert and Janice Zalobsky 915 Harlequin Ct. Highland, MI 48357
Location	265 Black Bear Drive Grayling, MI 49738 T26N, R2W, Section 7
Prop. ID#	040-45-900-00-014-00
Lot Size:	Approximately 100 X 430 (43,000 sq ft within Thendara Subdivision) with 102-feet of river frontage
Zoning:	Natural River District (NRD)
Request	To construct a one and one-half story home in the Natural River District 20-feet from the east property line, a (1st) variance of 20-feet , and 20-feet from the west property line, a (2nd) variance of 20-feet . All construction is to be 200-feet or more from the AuSable River.

Thendara Subdivision was dedicated on November 29, 1945, making the lot in question a non-conforming lot, due to lot size, by today's zoning requirements.

Note: Case #06-02 was previously heard in January 2005, and has been sent back to the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals upon an appeal to the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford.

Text of zoning requests and zoning maps are available for review at the Grayling Township Hall, located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, during normal business hours.

Persons wishing to, may comment in person at the hearing, or send a signed statement to: Terry Wright, Zoning Administrator; PO Box 521; Grayling, MI 49738

Terry Wright
Supervisor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

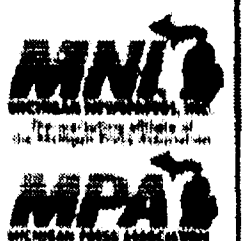
The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing concerning its pending application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for funding under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program's (CDBG) Economic Development Infrastructure Grant. The application request for \$799,855.00 is proposed to be used to help fund the "Grayling Industrial Park Expansion Project". The Grant will be used to help fund the "Springs Wood Products Expansion Project". The proposed project is consistent with the "City of Grayling and Grayling Township Master Plan" which serves as Grayling's local community development plan. To the maximum extent feasible, the proposed project will principally benefit low and moderate income persons.

The public hearing will be held on Monday February 13, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing, especially persons of low and moderate income and those living within the project area.

Michele Moshier,
City Clerk

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FEATURES

A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
February 10, 1983

Traffic citations dropped 40 percent in 1982 and drunk driving arrests decreased by 28 percent in the county according to a year end report issued by the sheriff department.

Cross country and alpine ski races and the amusing downhill canoe race will highlight the 58th annual Winter Sports Carnival at Hanson Hills. In the downhill canoe race contestants will attempt to stay upright in canoes while sliding down the face of Hanson Hills.

Tentative county equalized values for 1983 show no increase, the first time in 17 years since the county began keeping records that the values have not increased.

A state law proposing cutting off \$500,000 in state aid to COOR Intermediate School District in 1983-84 could cost Crawford AuSable and Gerrish Higgins school districts \$80,000 to \$100,000 each. The state law will close a loophole that allows COOR to collect state aid for special education programs. If COOR loses the \$500,000 projected for 1983-84, they'll have to pass their costs for special education on the the local school districts, in which both mentioned school districts could lose \$80,000 to \$100,000 each.

Karyn Reynolds, a 16 year old GHS junior, swept six races last

weekend at Thunder Mountain against top junior racers from Indiana, all of Michigan's lower peninsula, and the eastern half of the upper peninsula. She enjoyed her finest weekend of racing in her nine year racing career, taking two downhill races and winning a giant slalom and tied first in a slalom, and then went on to win both the slalom and the giant slalom. She raced against 83 junior alpine skiers (ages 18 and under) in the competition.

Six GHS Seniors are vying for the title of Miss Grayling, they are: Jennifer Alef, Melinda Baker, Sheila Burpee, Kristin Casler, Kimberly Goerke, Heidi Goss, Sheri Linendoll, and Wendy Savallisch.

The Grayling Viking basketball team failed to connect on a field goal in the fourth quarter losing a slim lead and the game to Cheboygan by a score of 52-46.

Five Grayling wrestler's captured gold medals at the Huron Shores Conference but the Vikings wound up in third place behind Petoskey and Gaylord. Dan Meldrum, Ron Wyman, Steve Sauve, John Solomonson, and Tom Sorenson all took first as they tried to defend the title Grayling earned last year.

46 Years Ago
February 11, 1960

Brach's delicious chocolate covered cherries are 43 cents a

box and a king size tray table is \$1.37 and available this week at Shoemakers.

Some of the specials this week at Glen's Market include bacon for 49 cents lb., Campbell's soups, 7 cans for \$1.00 and a jelly roll for 29 cents.

The Grayling Vikings basketball team split in two games last week, taking an 80-65 loss from Traverse City St. Francis and a loss from the Rams of Harbor Springs by a score of 72-57.

It's the 43rd Anniversary sale at Olson's. All ski-wear is 25-50 percent off, men's winter jackets from \$8.95, and overshoes are 30 percent off.

Spring time specials at Liz's Beauty Shop include three types of permanents ranging from \$10 to \$20 and include a shampoo and styling.

The Underground Forest All-Stars, Frederic's independent basketball team, had little trouble with the Kalkaska Ramblers, as they defeated them 100-47 in the Frederic High gym.

69 Years Ago

February 11, 1937

Grayling's school manual training department has moved into its new quarters in the school building. The quarters is one of a series of building improvements that have been in progress for the past year. The manual training quarters are located in the southwest corner of the basement.

Mr. Glover, the local mail carrier, caught a 14 lb. pike at Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Kraus and a

party of 16 friends are leaving Chicago and coming to Grayling to enjoy the Winter Sports Park. They will be staying at the Kraus cottage on Lake Margrethe for the weekend.

92 Years Ago

February 12, 1914

Holger Hanson has been absent from the bank for about three weeks, having undergone an operation in Grand Rapids.

Miss Mable Brasie is absent from the Kraus store on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Alonzo Collen sold his restaurant building to George A. Collen, the present occupant of the building.

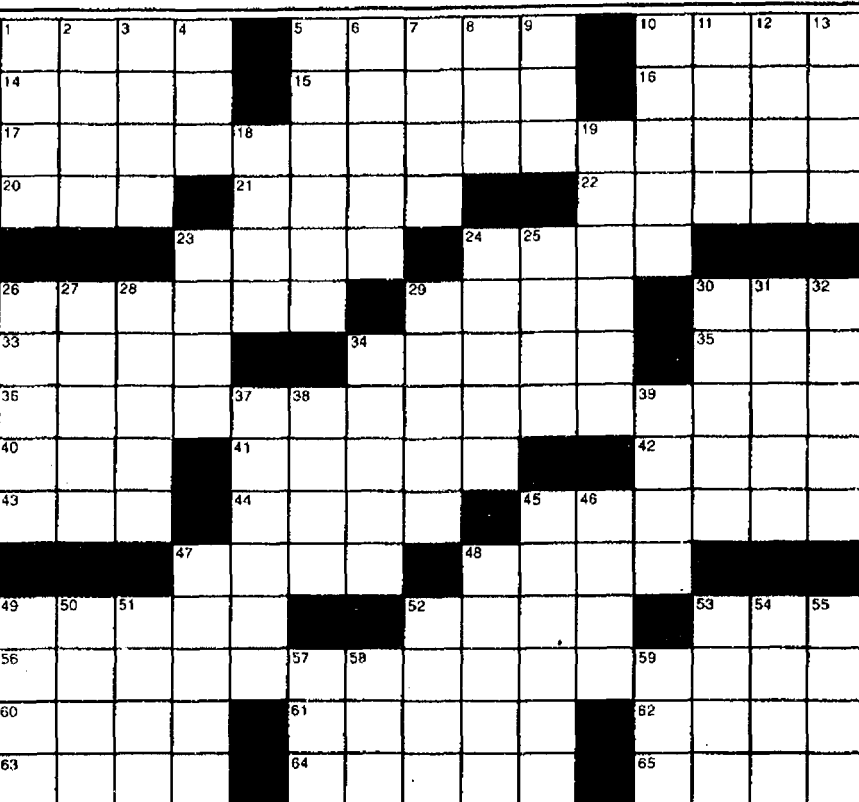
Clyde Hum has resigned his position at the Central Drug store and left for Ann Arbor, to enter U of M, where he plans to take a chemical course.

Al Cramer had his hand badly crushed while at work at the Dowel factory.

Thorwald Peterson had his hands frozen while driving to work at the T-Town office.

The cold weather that seems to have struck this country generally has been liberally bestowed upon Grayling. Monday evening the thermometer went to six below zero and Tuesday went to twelve below and then to 34 degrees below zero. These figures are according to the official weather report as recorded by Stanley Insley.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. The Loss of Leon... A Novel by Josh Emmons.
5. Edwin Evans, New Age instrumentalist/composer.
10. 14th-century term referring to cloth measurements.
14. Greek goddess of the morning wind.
15. One of the three collections of Mahayana Buddhist Scriptures found in the Tripitaka.
16. Clairvoyant.
17. Pass light through.
20. Plural of SO, fifth note of a musical scale.
21. Part of the face of the club head nearest the shaft.
22. Faint constellation in the polar region of the southern hemisphere and containing part of the Large Magellanic Cloud.
23. Unnecessary excesses.
24. Parish priest in the Greek Church.
26. Condescendingly flattering.
29. Fixed time cycle in Indian music, built from uneven groupings of beats.
30. Intense anger.
33. Longest river located entirely in Switzerland.
34. Artificial watercourse cut through a land area.
35. Hebrew letter.
36. Tending not to show emotions openly.
40. Make a low repeated cry.
41. Reviews reports in a newspaper or magazine.
42. Think.
43. Wander from a direct course.
44. Interpret.
45. Contraction of "need not."
47. Basic unit of money in Italy.
48. Pierced plate on an astrolabe, having projections whose points correspond to the fixed stars.
49. Paint finish with little sheen.
52. Reno, Leon in The Professional.
53. Poem expressing the writer's thoughts and feelings about a particular person.
56. Writer of history.
60. Sixth month of the year in the Jewish calendar.
61. Conception of something in its absolute perfection.
62. Uncious combustible of substances that are easily flammable on warming.
63. In this place.
64. Friendly.
65. Square rod of land.

European Union.

3. Second-largest units of geological time.
4. Tanna, Robert Ulrich's character on Vegas.
5. Festive, merry feeling.
6. Looks at with amorous intentions.
7. Public area connecting individual stores in a shopping center.
8. Large Australian flightless bird similar to the ostrich but smaller.
9. Push into position.
10. Type of lichen.
11. Fish form of "Helen."
12. Barriers against flying insects.
13. Enclosed space on which a building stands.
18. Something that is a counterfeit.
19. High-jumping, lightly built antelope from southern Africa.
23. Not restricted by qualifications.
24. Breathes in rapid, short gasps.
25. Like a wing in shape.
26. White... milk thickened with butter and flour.
27. To the... Born, British TV show.
28. Feeling of great warmth and intensity.
29. Personal preference.
30. Overgrown with ivy.
31. Symone, Olivia Kendall on The Cosby Show.
32. Action or occurrence detected by a program.
34. Nematocyst.
37. Breed of heavy fleeced white sheep.
38. European river flowing into the Baltic Sea.
39. Sentimentally sweet.
45. Not remotely.
46. Gas burner used in laboratories.
47. Metric measurement of capacity to 2.11 U.S. pints.
48. Model of automobile manufactured by Buick.
49. Used formerly as a title for the hereditary monarch of Iran.
50. Assistant to a political leader.
51. Male monarch, especially of Russia prior to 1917.
52. Film director... Coen.
53. 17th state of the union.
54. From a surname, which originally denoted a person who lived in a dell or valley.
55. Native language of the west Highlanders of Scotland.
57. To be excellent.
58. B. Wells-Barnett, one of the first African-American women to run for public office in the U.S.
59. Sound occasionally heard upon the materialization of a magic doorway.

Down

1. Small pads of material used to protect a surface.
2. Common currency used in 11 countries of the

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Powder

is a sweet, pure white kitty, 1-2 years old. She came to us when she was found by concerned citizens abandoned with another cat. She is now spayed and up to date on her shots.

Bob Jr.

is a lab-shepherd mix, we think... maybe some Shar Pei. He has been at the shelter since late last summer and really, really would love a new home! Bob Jr. is neutered and up to date on his shots.



**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascspetfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
2/1	33	19	0
2/2	38	27	T
2/3	39	23	0
2/4	42	28	7
2/5	33	21	0
2/6	22	18	4
2/7	25	18	1 1/2

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 27 Low 21	High 28 Low 18	High 20 Low 13	High 22 Low 18	High 26 Low 20	High 24 Low 22
AM Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Snow Shower	Snow Shower	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



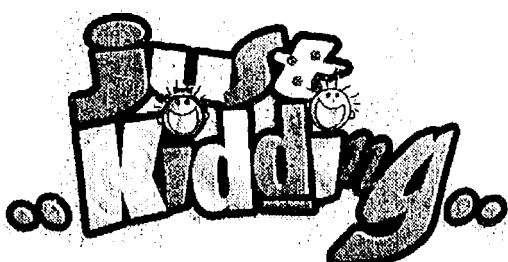
Winter Glazed Roast with Apples

- 1 (4-pound) boneless pork loin roast
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

- 1/2 teaspoons hot/pepper sauce
- 1 large white onion, cut in half and cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 large red cooking apples, cored and sliced
- Rosemary sprigs (optional)

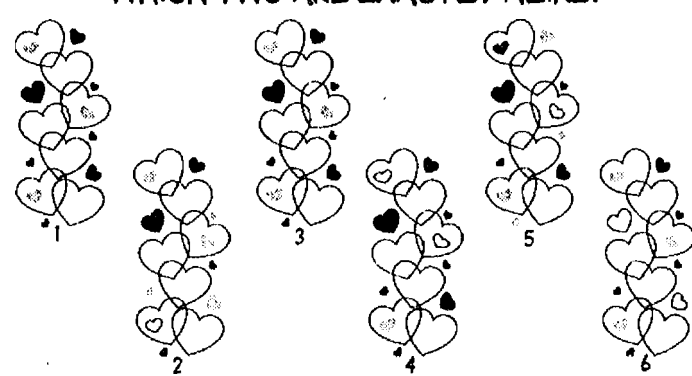
Preheat oven to 325°F. Sprinkle pork loin roast with salt; place fat-side up in open roasting pan. Roast pork 1 1/2 hours or until the thermometer inserted in center reaches 160°F. Meanwhile, combine red wine vinegar, sugar, water, ketchup, soy sauce, cornstarch and hot/pepper sauce in a 2-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens; stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Set aside half of this sauce mixture. During the last 30 minutes the pork is roasting, brush pork several times with half of the sauce mixture. When the pork has finished roasting, let stand 15 minutes for easier carving. Cook onion in butter and oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium heat 10 minutes; stirring occasionally. Add apple slices; cook 5 minutes or until onions and apples are tender. Toss apples and onions with remaining hot/pepper sauce mixture. To serve, place roast on a large platter. Add onion and apple mixture. Garnish with rosemary sprigs, if desired.

Makes 8-10 servings



FIND THE TWINS

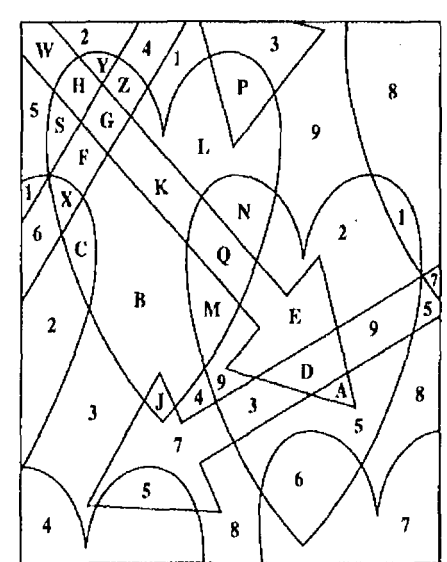
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW??

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

HIDDEN PICTURE



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HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 9, 2006



CAPRICORN

December 22- January 19

News flash, Capricorn. Someone close to you is not what they seem. Wake up and smell the coffee! You receive an invitation from an organization dear to your heart. Make plans to attend!



ARIES

March 21- April 19

Illness strikes but recovery is swift. A cherished keepsake you lost some time ago reappears. Take everyone out to celebrate, Aries. A phone call bears good news.



CANCER

June 22- July 22

Excitement rises to a fever pitch. Jump in and get involved. Cancer. Photos remind you of an upcoming occasion. Make plans now for a weekend of old-fashioned fun.



LIBRA

September 23-October 22

Past, Libra. A big secret is about to be revealed. Get ready to duck for cover. Rumors start flying at work. Don't fall into the trap. A sweet treat makes you smile.



AQUARIUS

January 20- February 18

Sunnier days are ahead, Aquarius. Prepare to make the most of them. A trip down memory lane uncovers a dilemma. Look within for the answers.



TAURUS

April 20- May 20

Wax and wane no more, Taurus. You know what you have to do, so do it. A laborious task at home nears completion. Just one more step, and you'll be finished.



LEO

July 23- August 22

Crash and burn, Leo. That's what life has become for you lately. Rather than stew about it, why not make lemonade out of lemons? A neighbor has something to tell you.



SCORPIO

October 23- November 21

Good times are waiting to be had, Scorpio. Get out the party hats and horns and throw a big bash! A blast from the past makes life more interesting than it has been in some time.



PISCES

February 19- March 20

Oops, Pisces. A moment of weakness puts you in a world of trouble. Someone you least expect will come to your aid. Make sure you show your appreciation.



GEMINI

May 21- June 21

Patience pays off big. Share your rewards with others. Gemini. Pals whisk you off on a wild adventure. Throw caution to the wind and have a good time.



VIRGO

August 23- September 22

Opportunity passes but another door opens. Grab it and hold on tight, Virgo. An apology for an offense of long ago takes you by surprise. Be gracious and forgiving.



SAGITTARIUS

November 22- December 21

Oh my, Sagittarius. No one you know has the audacity to pull off what recently happened. Uncover the instigator and learn from them. You're going to need it.

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Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

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Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99/f/1)

AUSABLE RIVER FRONT PROPERTY only 100 feet off black top, all utilities in area. Property dimensions are: 100' x 250'. Priced to sell at \$44,900. 973-579-2429. (-26-2-9/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER 2 bedroom, 1 bath, recent updates inside and out. Private yard, walking distance to park and library. Near I-75/US127, snowmobile, ski and golf area. Paved road - 8306 S. Grayling Rd. \$67,500. 989-422-6260. (LR2/23/06/1)

1. Real Estate

LOW INCOME housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (-2-9-16/1)

GRAYLING 4 BEDROOM 2 bath, 1.4 acres joining state land. Great hunting, fishing, snowmobiling. Easy financing regardless of credit. \$83,000. Call 989-344-6052 or 989-390-9889. (LR4/27/06/1)

1.1 ACRES on King Road, close to guard camp. Well, pump house, telephone and power line already on property. Asking \$15,000. 616-681-0178 or 616-813-1893. (-9-16/1)

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE 2.3 acres on East Branch with 230' frontage, 2 miles to city limits. \$52,000. 989-619-9031. (-2-9/1)

GREAT, CLEAN 2 BEDROOM home, vacant and ready to move into, 301 Brink Street. Investment company wants to dump it and move on. \$45,900 with 20% down, \$350 per month or \$39,000 cash. Call toll free 888-943-3200. Brokers welcome and encouraged. (LR3/2/06/1)

2. For Rent

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (12/25/03tf/2)

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT non-smoking, no pets, \$474/month plus. 348-4840. (LR2/16/06/2)

2. For Rent

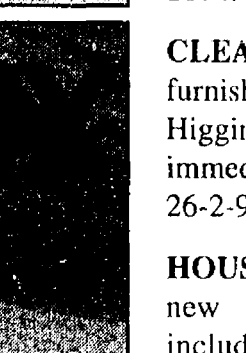
ROOMY 1 BEDROOM upper apartment, in good neighborhood. Includes gas, electric, water, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and digital cable. Carpeted throughout. No children, no smoking, no pets. \$580 per month plus deposit. References required. Phone: 348-8993. (-2-9/2)

2. For Rent

RAYNE FOREST RENTALS 1, 2 and 3 bedroom duplexes, \$400 to \$500 per month. 348-5230. (1/12/06tf/2)

LAKE HOME FOR RENT Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom home with view and access to Lake Margrethe. Large lot with 2-car garage and paved driveway. Kitchen appliances included. \$800 per month plus security, no pets. Call 586-228-2874. (LR2/09/06/2)

1. Real Estate



On
(989) 348-7440
Toll Free:
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PERFECT RECREATIONAL RETREAT or 3 bedroom residential home. New vinyl siding, new windows, and central air. Roof is only 5 years old, plus a large new furnace in the basement. Attached garage with woodstove. All appliances including central air conditioning. Put your address in the 30x40 POLE BARN. With walking distance to the West Branch of Big Creek. \$99,000 DBB-2117

BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM FULL LOG HOME on the 12th fairway of Fox Run Estates. All knotty pine & log interior, large & spacious kitchen w/ island and built-ins. Cathedral ceilings, open staircase and fieldstone fireplace. Loft, plus attached year around breezeway. Truly a "must see!" DBB-2148 \$229,900

RENT TO OWN! If you pay rent, you can own! Stop paying off your landlord's mortgage! You can Rent-To-Own your own home even with poor credit! Call Steven at 866-860-7994. 24 hour recorded message.

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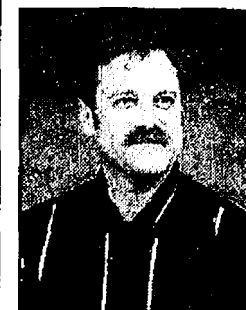
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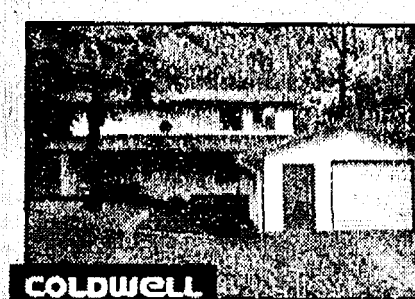
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Duane LaMotte
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P.O. Box 527
2003 Business Loop I-75 South
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6481

UNIQUE 5 BEDROOM HOME



Very well taken care of home with 5 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Completely remodeled and new windows throughout home. Excellent location with Lake Margrethe only a couple of blocks away. Snowmobile trails and state land nearby. #241716 \$124,900

Visit our website, the coffee is always on!
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Make an appointment to see this wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home featuring a large living room w/ fireplace and glass door to extensive back decking. Large yard & deeded easement to 600 feet of the Manistee River. \$127,500 #5591



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Beautiful 10 acres with a comfortable cabin. Gorgeous stone fireplace for warming up those cold winter visits. Located on a county maintained road. Cabin is about 120 back off the road so it's secluded and quiet. Cabin is clean and ready to use. \$69,000 #5631



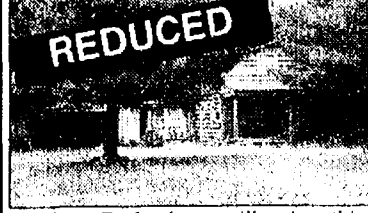
Well maintained, 3 bedroom, 1 bath home on a large fenced lot. Home features new carpet in the living room, new vinyl in the kitchen, and a bonus room located off the kitchen, a screened back porch/patio and a 2 car attached and heated garage. \$74,000 #5632



A very well constructed home with hardwood floors and a full basement. The property is within minutes from downtown Grayling, which makes a convenience to the schools and the hospital. Home is neat and clean and very well maintained. \$92,900 #5635



Hill top setting awaits you! This 3 bedroom and 1 3/4 bath home with a walkout foundation features 2 brick fireplaces, winding staircase, 2 car garage, covered porch and lots of potential on 5.86 acres. Ideal location for primary residence or recreational retreat. \$135,000 #5634



Outdoor Enthusiasts will enjoy this 5 bedroom get-away! Great set up for a snowmobile club, or any group that enjoys outdoor activities in Northern Michigan. Located close to snowmobile trails, state land & the Manistee River. Built in 1995, furnished \$134,900 #5555



1344 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch home. Split floor plan with large bedrooms and walk-in closets, covered porch, 30x40x12 pole barn and shed. Great recreational area near Kneff Lake, state land, all on a beautiful 10 acre parcel. \$128,900 #5575



Attention Sportsmen! Extremely clean 2 bedroom cabin and bunk house on a beautiful, wooded 1.8 acre parcel. 2 car garage for all the toys. Driveway is right off a county maintained asphalt road about 8 miles out of town. State land is just across the road. \$44,900 #5545



Wow!!! 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home with a large riverside deck setting only 60' from the Ausable River and one mile from the snowmobile trails. Perfect for 4 season fun or a full-time home. #5596 \$129,500



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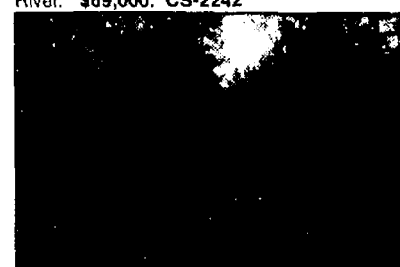
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THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

3. Employment

HELP WANTED Nurse's Aid positions available at The Brook Retirement Community, 3rd shift, part-time in Houghton Lake and 3rd shift, part-time in Roscommon, (10:30p-6:30a) Competitive salary/benefits. Fill out an application onsite Monday thru Friday, 9 am - 3 pm by Feb. 13. (-2-9/3)

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

4. Services Offered

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4. Services Offered

5. For Sale

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This large double-wide manufactured home offers three bedrooms, laundry room, and 1.5 bathrooms, appliances, new roof in 2003. All on 2.5 acres close to state land and the AuSable River. #243161 \$38,900



This 1994 2 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home is in move in condition. Includes new floor covering in bedrooms, living room, and one bathroom, new walk-in closet, new hotwater heater, and shed for additional storage. #239611 \$35,900



2 bedroom, 1 bath home with attached garage plus newly painted 20x24 pole bldg. Includes almost new appliances. Deck and a dock at the river with fantastic view from either. Excellent fishing area to trout fish. Many recent updates. 140' River frontage. Natural gas and cable are additional features. Occupancy at closing. #237722 \$185,000

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5. For Sale

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8. For Sale

MAPLE FIREWOOD \$50/cord. 348-6109. (-9-16/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05t/6)

LOOKING FOR HOMES to clean and household chores as a side job for more income. Please call 344-8353. (-9/6)

7. Miscellaneous

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

ANNUAL JIMMY BUFFET PARTY on February 11, 7 pm at Skyline. Music, dancing, food and drink specials. Reservations suggested. 989-275-5445. (-9/8)

8. Announcements

Grayling Car Care IS OPEN LATE ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 9:30 A.M. - 6 P.M. 989-348-3200

Congratulations

to Kelly and Shelly on the new DuBois Lumber Company. We are very proud of you. From, Mom & Dad Elmy, your brothers and sisters

8. Announcements

FREE Financial Fitness/Credit Education Workshop. 5 week session starting March 1. Grayling morning and evening classes now forming. Call Alice at Northern Homes CDC to register. Toll free: 866-637-1834. (LR3/9/06/8)

RECENTLY TOM GIBBONS formerly of Grayling, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The family would appreciate cards and letters of encouragement addressed to: Thomas Gibbons, 35 W. 24th St., Baldwin, MI 49304. Phone number: 231-745-7535. (-9/8)

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Valentine Greetings

After 30 Years . . .

Valentine

You still are . . .

The Love of my

Life, now

and

forever.

Ma



Samantha,
You mean more
to us then you'll ever know! Thank
you for being such a good, helpful
and caring daughter and for your
happiness & excitement of having
a new little sister on the way!

Love Always,
Mom &
Dad

P.S.
To our little one on
the way, we can't
wait to meet you!
Love You
Already

Forrest,
Our friendship has
grown so much in the
past year, we share a love
that I never thought was
possible. I love you with all
my heart & soul.

Happy Valentines Day Baby
See You Soon,
Love Naomi

Sweetie (Kay),
Love You
Ron

Wylie,
You will
always
be my
Valentine
Love,
Shirley

Grandpa & Grandma ~
Have a Happy Valentine's
Day! We love
you so
much.
Love,
Meadow
& Brooklyn

Happy Valentine's
Day to our
sweeties,
Meadow & Brooklyn.
We love you.
Love,
Mommy & Daddy

Happy Valentines Day
Grandma, Grandpa
& Beamer
We Love You!
Ashley &
Haley

Happy
Valentine's Day
to our little
sweethearts ~

Baby Landon

and Big Sister, Lacie

Love,
Papa B. and
Nana Thomas



Dear
Maynard #1,
Roses are red,
violets are blue
Forever and ever ~
I'll Love You!
Love Maynard #2

Grandma & Papa~
We love you very
much. Happy
Valentine's Day.
Love,
Meadow & Brooklyn

Grandma &
Grandpa Pettyjohn,
Can't wait to
share some hugs!
Love Your Twins



Selena, Nate & TJ

For you on Valentine's Day, just
finding the right words to say,
to my kids with all my heart
~ Thank you for keeping
me from falling apart. . .
Red & White: with yes
hearts galore, enjoy
today how could I
ask for more. I
love you truly
with all my soul,
and on this
Valentine's Day, I
just had to let you
know!!!

Your Mom

Dear Josh,
Thanks for making
our home
one that's
filled with
love.
Love You!
Kate, Paris
& Sophia



Happy Valentine's Day
to my favorite paddlers... Go 84!!!
♥ - Carrie



8. Announcements

CUB SCOUT PACK #3993
Due to school being closed on Monday, February 06, 2006 we are rescheduling the Blue and Gold Pack Meeting to this Monday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your dish or drink then. Thank you. (-9/8)

LOW-COST SHOT CLINIC
for dogs and cats. Saturday, February 25 in Grayling. Appointments necessary. 2006 county dog licenses also available. Call Sharon at (989) 710-0337 for more information, prices, and appointments. (-9/8)

9. Personals

Congratulations
Darci Trudgeon
for graduating
Magna Cum
Laude
from CMU.
Open House will be
Sunday 2/12 at
Days Inn 1:00-4:30

Steven Enos

Great job on making the Middle School Honor Roll for the first and second marking period. Keep up the good work. We are very proud of you!



Love,
Mom &
Dad

9. Personals

8. Announcements

BEAT CABIN FEVER
Upcoming classes being offered at Fabrics and More include: Know your Serger, Slacks fitting, and Locker Rug Hooking. Please call for pre-registration or stop in and check out our new spring fabrics. 344-0986, across from Rochette's IGA. (-9-16/8)

STONE HOUSE BREADS
coming to the Bloomin' Grape. Stop in and ask for details, 303 South James St. 344-2221. (2/06/06t/8)

8. Announcements

11. Automotive

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710. (9/29/05t/11)

1998 FORD ESCORT
\$3,500/OBO. 344-0611. (-2-9/11)

MUST SELL 1990 Buick Riviera, fully loaded, pearl white. \$1,300/OBO. 348-9683. (-9/11)

2003 HONDA SHADOW 1100 cc, like new, \$5,500. Call 348-3935. (-9/11)

8. Announcements

11. Automotive

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1993 CONVERSION VAN
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8. Announcements

Crawford County United Way Presents C.A.R.E. Night 2006

Saturday, February 11th, 2006, Grayling Eagles Club
Hospitality Hour & Auction Preview starts at 5pm

Featuring Soloist: Daniel Cook

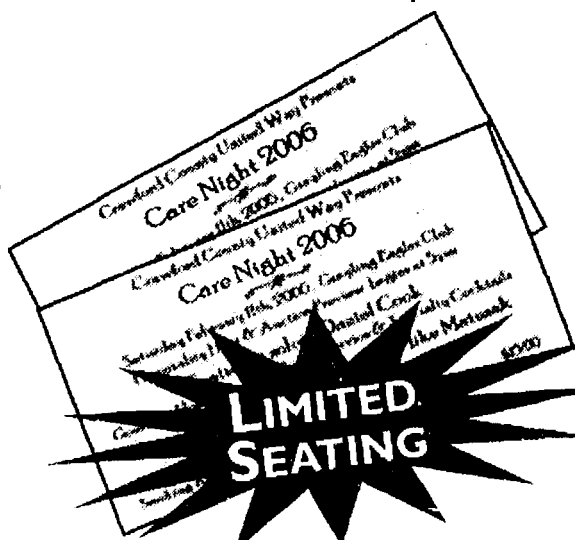
Gourmet Hors d'oeuvres,
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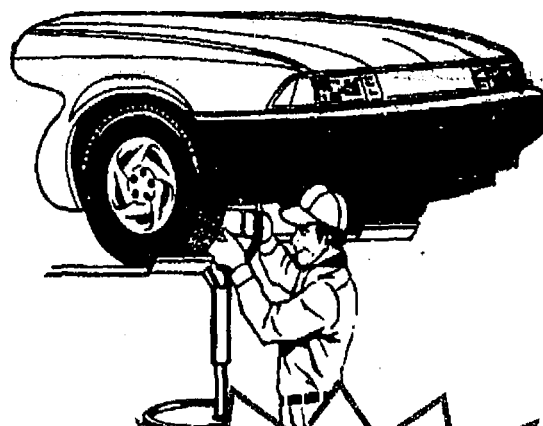
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